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CHUNNEL REPAIRS TO TAKE 'MONTHS'

Tunnel may not fully reopen until March 2009, says French official

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MAJOR INCIDENT: Thursday's Channel Tunnel fire, attended by crews from Kent fire brigade, brought travellers to a halt. Firefighters faced flames reaching temperatures as high as 1,000°C

EXCLUSIVE

By TOM SHELDRICK & STEVE KNIGHT

DAMAGE caused by a huge fire in the Channel Tunnel could take up to six months to repair, a senior French official has revealed.

Gérard Gavory, deputy head of the Calais regional government, told Kent on Sunday the blaze, which began on Thursday and raged for about 20 hours, was "much worse" than a serious fire in 1996.

It had caused "very big damage to the structure" of the north tunnel, he said.

When asked how long it would take to repair, M. Gavory, who works for the French Ministry of the Interior, said: "It could be three, four, five, six months – I don't know."

If the tunnel does not fully re-open until March 2009, motorists and rail passengers could face months of delays following the fire, which broke out on a lorry on the shuttle service between Calais and Folkestone, at about 3pm on Thursday, and reached temperatures as high as 1,000°C.

A total of 32 drivers were evacuated along with about 18 other people who were on the shuttle at the time the blaze broke out.

It is understood that 12 people were taken to hospital suffering from the effects of smoke inhalation.

Trains were sent into the tunnel from the French side to pick up those involved. No-one was injured in the incident and no passenger trains were in the tunnel at the time.

Heavy goods vehicles began to queue between junctions eight and nine of the M20 on Thursday as police implemented phase two of Operation Stack.

It was still in place throughout Friday as firefighters extinguished the blaze and set about cooling the affected tunnel down.

While ferry companies including P&O said they would increase crossings to help cope with the extra traffic, the sheer volume of HGV drivers wishing to enter the Continent meant further delays are inevitable.

Gwyn Prosser, Labour MP for Dover and Deal, fears the damage caused to the tunnel will take some time to be assessed and repaired.

"The fire was so intense and burned for so many hours that clearly the structure of the carriage itself will be difficult to mend because of the melted metal," he said.

"There will also be possible damage to the lining of the tunnel and the electrics.

"It's made me think back to 1996, when the entire Channel Tunnel system was out of use for two months and it was not fully operational for a further four.

"My view is that the north tunnel will be out of action for longer than people are predicting, possibly for a month or more.

"It will put extra pressure on the cross-Channel ferries and mean motorists will have to put up with Operation Stack again.

"Whichever way you look at it, it's going to cause considerable disruption."

Damian Green, Tory MP for Ashford, was also concerned about the knock-on effects.

He said: "Obviously it's a huge inconvenience for everyone who regularly uses the tunnel, and Operation Stack is always very bad news.

"It's too early to tell just how bad the damage is so we'll just have to wait and hope they can resume a full service as soon as possible.

"It's a blow to both freight and passenger services, and it makes things more difficult for everyone in Kent."

Despite the concerns, Eurotunnel spokesman John Keefe said lessons had been learned from the 1996 fire.

He said: "The situation we are in is very different because at that stage Eurotunnel was just two years old.

"We were very inexperienced in managing the infrastructure, but now we have 14 years worth of experience of managing and indeed rebuilding the tunnel.

"All the skills we need are already established. It will certainly take some time for everything to be sorted out, but we are much better equipped than in 1996."

Eurostar said on Friday that it was too early to tell when they would be able to start running services again.

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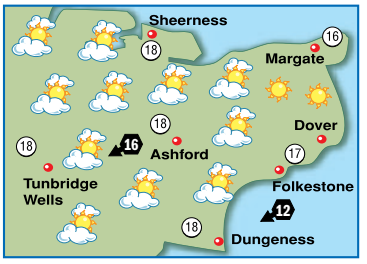

TODAY: A generally fine day, as it will be dry with good periods of sunshine, rather hazy at times, and just a little cloud around at times. Light to moderate north-easterly winds. Max temp 15-18C (59-64F).
TONIGHT: Dry with variable cloud and clear intervals. Moderate easterly winds. Min temp 7-10C (45-50F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	16	61	London	cloudy	18	64
Belfast	fair	19	66	Liverpool	fair	18	64
Birmingham	cloudy	17	63	Manchester	cloudy	18	64
B'mouth	cloudy	18	64	Newcastle	cloudy	17	63
Bristol	fair	18	64	Norwich	sun	17	63
Cardiff	cloudy	20	68	Oxford	cloudy	18	64
Cork	rain	15	59	Southsea	fair	18	64
Edinburgh	cloudy	17	63	S'hampton	cloudy	18	64
Glasgow	cloudy	18	64	Southport	sun	18	64
Isle of Man	cloudy	17	63	Swansea	cloudy	19	66
Leeds	cloudy	16	61	Torquay	cloudy	19	66

Sun & moon

Sunrise	6.29am	Sunset	7.11pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	6.40pm	Moonset	5.12am	7.11pm to 6.30am

High Tides

	today				tomorrow			
		ht (m)		ht (m)		ht (m)		ht (m)
Dover	11.15	6.4	23.30	6.4	11.46	6.7	–	–
Margate	00.05	4.5	12.06	4.6	00.41	4.6	12.41	4.7
St Mary's	04.51	5.2	17.06	5.5	05.24	5.4	17.40	5.8

Week ahead

monday Cloudy. Dry max 18C min 10C

tuesday Cloudy. Dry max 18C min 10C

wednesday Some sunshine max 18C min 9C

thursday Sunny spells max 18C min 10C

friday Dry. Some sun max 18C min 10C

saturday Cloudy. Dry max 19C min 11C

Up for the challenge

Chief constable makes vow to cut crime

EXCLUSIVE

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THE county's most senior police officer has pledged to reduce crime across Kent during the next year.

Chief Constable Mike Fuller told Kent on Sunday his officers were "up for the challenge" and that they got their job satisfaction from improving public safety.

And he revealed the introduction of high-tech equipment would be key to letting his officers spend more time on the streets, rather than at a desk in a police station working their way through red tape.

In July, Home Office figures showed that between April 2007 and March 2008, the number of crimes recorded in Kent had dropped by 15,133 to 131,269 compared to the previous year.

But now Mr Fuller has pledged to build on that 10.3 per cent drop and bring offending rates down further.

He said he wanted a "step change" in the quality of policing and to improve public confidence and satisfaction with the force.

Mr Fuller explained how 10 mobile electronic fingerprint devices on trial until the end of the year as part of Operation Lantern had been "invaluable" in fighting crime.

The machines can be used to check if a suspect is already on the National Fingerprint Database, and can save officers up to three hours by avoiding a trip back to the police station to check someone's prints.

Mr Fuller said he had recently seen the machines in action alongside automatic number plate recognition systems that check if cars have MOT, road tax and insurance.

PLEDGE: Chief Constable Mike Fuller

He had seen a driver admitting having no insurance because he knew he had been trapped by the technology.

The chief constable said: "We are looking at how technology can help us improve the efficiency of our admin systems so that we have officers out on the streets."

He said he was an enthusiast for technology such as DNA, but was not interested in gimmicks, and had to be convinced that devices could have some practical use for his officers before they would be introduced.

One initiative currently being implemented is the installation of 'mobile data terminals' in all police vehicles.

The laptop machines give officers on the road access to all the information they would usually get at a police station.

Officers can receive photos of suspects, access the Police National Computer and carry out some of their admin duties without having to return to base.

Mr Fuller said the machines were secure and encrypted, and could be wiped remotely if one were ever to be lost or stolen.

His officers are "really pleased and excited about it", he said.

Mr Fuller said: "I want to bring about a step change in terms of reducing crime. We are looking at ways to get a substantial reduction.

"I spent three months at the beginning of the year talking to my officers about reducing crime and making people feel safer.

"Officers are clear they want to provide a better, first-class service – that's how they get their job satisfaction.

"It's a challenge I have put to officers and they are all up for it."

The chief constable, who has been tipped to be the next head of the Metropolitan Police, railed against the amount of time his officers lose preparing for external inspections.

He said Kent Police had undergone three inspections this year and had to produce huge amounts of information for the checks.

While he agreed the police should be inspected, he said: "We are one of the high performing police forces.

"In terms of how we are performing, it does not justify the level of scrutiny we have had.

"Public satisfaction and confidence are rising, that's a fact. Public confidence is a key challenge, it should be the proper measure."

He said the force inspected its own work, and that victims of crime were contacted to assess the performance of individual officers.

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Travel firm's demise won't affect airport

ABOUT 200 Kent holidaymakers have been left stranded abroad after a travel company operating out of Manston airport went bust.

Seguro Travel Ltd, also known as Kent Escapes, ceased trading on Wednesday and immediately blamed its demise on the collapse of the Spanish airline Futura.

The news comes as a further blow to Kent International Airport which has been forced to deal with the collapse of several other operators over the last few years including EUjet in 2005.

However, chief executive Matt Clark remained confident about the airport's future.

He said: "Naturally we are very disappointed by this development as Kent Escapes has been a successful operator here at Kent where they have built a very loyal customer base over the last three years.

"It is unfortunate Kent Escapes and their passengers have suffered due to circumstances beyond their control. All other services at Kent International Airport remain unaffected and the demand for charter holidays from the airport remains strong."

In addition to the 200 Kent holidaymakers, a further 2,300 who travelled with Seguro from Prestwick airport in Scotland are also stranded abroad. More than 17,000 others who made advance bookings with the company have now been forced to make alternative arrangements. Mr Clark said those passengers abroad would not be left to suffer alone.

He said: "Seguro is ATOL (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing) bonded and protected, which means passengers will be able to obtain a refund on their unused bookings.

"Customers abroad will remain in their accommodation until alternative return flights have been arranged. Customers who have made bookings for the future will be able to claim a refund through the Civil Aviation Authority or their credit card company.

"The CAA is advising passengers not to travel to their departure airport, but to follow the ATOL claim process, which can be accessed through the CAA website."

Macclesfield-based Seguro operated package holidays and flights to Spain, the Canary Islands and Portugal.

In a statement released by the firm, directors Rachel Elliott and Richard Burke said: "Futura's collapse was totally unexpected as an airline with more than 30 planes, having a good reputation and being one of Spain's respected airlines.

"After 10 years and great support from travel agents and clients, we offer our sincere apologies and are very sad to have had to make this decision, but we were left with no alternative."

Futura, which operated 80 per cent of Seguro's flights, blamed its collapse on high fuel costs.

• *Saga cruise liner passengers caught up in travel company collapse. See page 10*

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Cliff reveals all

Secretive star opens up for radio interview

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POP legend Cliff Richard is to spill the beans on his private world and his romance with tennis ace Sue Barker on BBC Radio Kent.

The 67-year-old will even be taking live calls from listeners during the last in a series of shows about his life and music.

The Peter Pan of the music world recorded five shows with Kent resident Gloria Hunniford – one covering each decade of his amazing career.

And even she was astounded at the way he opened up while she taped him for seven hours of interviews, cut down to five, at the star's home in Portugal.

Hunniford said: "I have known Cliff for 40 years and for the last 20 been good friends. But I didn't know he was set to marry Sue Barker.

"He also spoke of his love for Jackie Irving, who went on to marry Adam Faith [who lived in Tudeley, Kent, until his death in 2003].

"I went down to Portugal to record it and because it was his house it meant that he was very relaxed.

"When you are in your own home talking for a long period of time, in a weird way you forget that you are doing radio.

"So we recorded seven hours, which was cut into five. Although I had known him for so long I had never heard him talk about almost getting married twice.

"I knew him around the Sue Barker period, but I had no idea he was contemplating marrying her. He talks very openly about his family and life.

"One story was about his sister Joan being embarrassed about Cliff picking her up from school in his new Rolls Royce. She made him park around the corner, and told him, 'I don't want you coming anywhere near the school'. She was very embarrassed about his new-found wealth."

An insider at the BBC said: "He really does tell it all. We were quite surprised with how open he was with Gloria. The pair are already friends and you can tell because she felt so much at ease with Sir Cliff.

RELAXED: Sir Cliff Richard talks about his life, career, and relationship with Sue Barker to friend Gloria Hunniford in a BBC Radio interview

"Everyone at the BBC is delighted with the way the series of shows has turned out."

The programmes explore his career, along with other nostalgia from half a century of music making.

The BBC said this is Cliff's only in-depth radio interview about his life since the recent publication of his book My Life, My Way.

The shows, hosted by Hunniford, who lives in Sevenoaks, will begin today, between 1-2pm.

For the fifth and final weekend, on Sunday, October 12, Sir Cliff will be live on BBC Radio Kent taking calls from fans, who will be invited to put their questions direct from noon-2pm.

He has even hinted at the chances of a reunion with Hank Marvin and the Shadows.

Sir Cliff said: "We've been talking a long time and it's looking better and better and I've got my fingers crossed.

"If this comes off it won't be until the end of 2009... and I'm convinced it will be a big event because the Shadows and I are not likely to perform again.

"If we get together, if we can make this work, Hank's got to come from Australia and we've all got to get our heads right around it… but if we can do it, I'm sure it'll be a great success.

"I want to do it desperately and no one has actually said that we shouldn't!"

Sir Cliff's love life has always been surrounded by gossip, as he has rarely been seen with a partner on his arm. The biggest love of his life was tennis star Sue Barker, but the romance eventually fizzled out.

The singer speaks openly and intimately about past relationships, including his love for the now BBC sports presenter.

He said: "I really thought this is probably my last chance and she is a fabulous girl, really a fantastic girl.

"But then in the end I had to say to myself that I don't think that our love, for me, was not the same as I would have liked it to have been and we broke up amicably."

Anniversary of the great flood

IT was 40 years ago today that the notorious Tonbridge flood struck. On September 14, 1968, water swept through the town and much of the South East.

Belongings were swept from homes and sent floating through the streets. Hever Castle was swamped by muddy water.

In 1974, a report recommended a flood storage reservoir be constructed downstream of where the Eden and Medway rivers meet.

It was another seven years before the £4 million Leigh barrier was built.

Comprising three large moveable gates, it was sited two miles upriver of Tonbridge in an effort to prevent a similar disaster.

That defence was seriously tested in October 2000 when torrential rain deluged Kent, but 1,100 homes were saved.

The barrier had been used 65 times up until the end of 2007 and has been put into action twice this year.

Murder charge

A MAN has been charged with murder after the stabbing of a student in Canterbury Road, Margate.

Ian Deadman, 45, who lives in the same road, appeared before Canterbury magistrates on Friday accused of causing the death of 25-year-old Tommy Balsom.

Two other men arrested in connection with the incident were released without charge.

Police received reports of a disturbance in the road at about 10.45pm on Monday.

A postmortem examination showed Mr Balsom died from a single stab wound.

Deadman was remanded in custody until September 29, when he will appear at Maidstone Crown Court.

KCC stalwart retires

GRAHAM Badman is retiring from Kent County Council after seven years during which he headed education and children's services.

Mr Badman became director of education and libraries in 2002 and was appointed managing director of children, families and education in April 2006.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "Kent has benefited from Graham's strong leadership and clear strategy for education."

'Campaign has taken a chunk out of our lives'

A GREENPEACE protestor cleared of causing criminal damage to Kingsnorth power station says he would "not recommend" other activists following his example.

Tim Hewke, 48, from Ulcombe near Maidstone, admits organising the break-in on October 8 last year that resulted in other campaigners scaling a 200-metre smokestack, before painting the name of Prime Minister Gordon Brown down the side.

However, defence witnesses managed to convince a Maidstone Crown Court that the damage Hewke and his five co-defendants caused was justified in the context of the damage harm to the environment by carbon dioxide emissions from Kingsnorth.

The group was protesting against the redevelopment of the plant as a coal-burning unit.

Mr Hewke said: "There may well be lots more protests at power stations as a result of this ruling, as people will feel more confident about getting away with it.

"However, I wouldn't recommend what we did to anyone. It has taken a big chunk out of all our lives and this was not something we took lightly. It involved a lot of planning and discussions."

When asked whether he would take part in a similar operation in the future, Mr Hewke replied: "It would depend what the campaign was and what the rationale behind it was.

"But if it was something I strongly believed in then yes, I would."

The other members of the so-called Kingsnorth Six group of defendants were Ben Stewart, 34, from Lyminge, near Folkestone; Huw Williams, 41, from Nottingham; Kevin Drake, 44, from Westbury in Wiltshire; Will Rose, 29, from London and Emily Hall, 34, from New Zealand.

Among those who spoke in defence of the group during their trial were leading climate scientist Professor Jim Hansen, millionaire environmentalist Zac Goldsmith and Eskimo leader Aqqualuk Lynge.

Mr Hewke said: "When you consider the

The protestors, of which there were significantly more than the six charged, planned to paint "Gordon, bin it" on the smokestack, but were stopped by police before they could finish.

A spokesman for the power company E.ON, which owns Kingsnorth, said the firm was "extremely disappointed" by the not guilty verdict.

He added: "Our worry is that people will take this as permission to break into and damage what are key UK power stations.

"Our concern about this has been safety, and this verdict sends out completely the wrong message."

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As Kent tops moving poll, message from the rest of the UK is:

Wish we were there!

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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IT WILL come as no surprise to most of the county's residents to be officially told Kent is the best place in the country to live.

That's according to a new Royal Mail report – and it's all down to our amazing coastline. Even TV chef Gordon Ramsay is rumoured to be joining the exodus to Kent's seaside towns.

The Royal Mail found UK home movers are flocking to the seaside after it analysed more than half a million address changes.

Kent beat West Sussex and Devon to the top slot. Only one county without a coastline – Wiltshire – appeared in the top 10 most desirable areas to live in the UK.

Calculated by net moves, the study of mail redirection data revealed that, between them, seaside areas attracted 25,468 new householders who travelled almost two million miles from other regions for a breath of bracing sea air. Kent tops the table with an impressive 4,661 moves into the area.

Only London and Surrey achieved higher levels, but because they also saw significant moves out, neither makes it into the top 10.

Royal Mail's home-movers barometer is compiled by data specialist the DQM Group based on 600,000 mail redirection requests from January to June, 2008.

The news comes as no surprise to Cher Read, manager of the Miles and Barr estate agency in Whitstable.

She said: "I can fully understand why so many people want to live on the Kent coast.

"We are one of the more popular areas. Peter Cushing lived here, so did Janet Street-Porter and there is even a rumour Gordon Ramsay is looking for a home here. Property prices are amazingly competitive compared with parts of London, so it's no wonder people are flocking here."

And Miles Shipside, commercial director of Rightmove.co.uk, said: "The market downturn has resulted in a greater availability of houses in coastal locations.

"Previously they got snapped up, but are now on the market for longer and owners are having to consider lower offers. The best time to find what you want is in a slower market."

Eddie Bridgeman, projects director for the British Urban Regeneration Association's Seaside Network, said: "As many coastal areas undergo regeneration and investment, the Seaside Network is encouraged to see more people choosing to make their homes in both traditional and new coastal resorts.

"As a nation of islanders, Britons have always had a strong affinity with living beside the sea. With an influx of people residing there year-round rather than taking second homes, we will witness the strengthening of these areas' economies, ensuring our coastal resorts have a sustainable future."

Colin Bradshaw, head of data strategy at the Royal Mail, said: "We have a unique insight into the movement trends in the UK.

"This allows us to identify the effect the economy has on the property market and pick out the hotspots."

COASTING: Viking Bay at Broadstairs is among Kent's many seaside gems

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5 Somerset
6 Lincolnshire
7 Essex
8 East Sussex
9 Wiltshire
10 Norfolk

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Bridge jump threat arrest

A MAN accused of threatening to jump off an M20 footbridge twice in three days will appear in court on Tuesday.

James Evans, 22, from Swanley, allegedly had to be talked down from the crossing near his home town on Tuesday and Thursday, last week.

A total of about 10 hours of traffic delays was caused by the incidents, as police were forced to close both carriageways of the motorway.

Evans is charged with causing a public nuisance and is due to enter a plea when he appears before Maidstone magistrates.

Off the rails

ALL Eurostar services will be cancelled from Ashford International on Sunday, September 21.

Essential maintenance works being carried out by Network Rail mean high-speed trains will not be able to use the international platforms.

All other Eurostar services on the day between St Pancras International, Ebbsfleet International and Paris, Brussels, Lille and Disneyland Resort Paris will operate normally. Services will be back to normal the next day.

What a pane

DAMAGE estimated at £1,500 was caused when an estate agency window was smashed.

The incident took place between 2pm on Sunday, September 7, and 8.30am the following day, at Clifton & Co's office at Hartley, Longfield.

Sheps buys MPs' local at heart of Whitehall

BRITAIN'S oldest brewer, Faversham-based Shepherd Neame, has snapped up the Westminster Arms near London's Whitehall – the MPs' local – for an undisclosed sum.

Set in the capital's political heart, the iconic pub is a stone's throw from the House of Commons and even features a division bell so MPs and political journalists can dash back to the house in time for votes.

Managers Gerry and Marie Dolan, who have played host to an eclectic range of customers including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bob Geldolf and Prince Edward, will continue to run the pub.

"People from all over the spectrum have been customers for a long time," said Mr Dolan.

"We get a lot of famous faces in here but we treat all our customers the same and pride ourselves on serving quickly because that's what most of them are looking for."

In keeping with its historic setting close to Downing Street, Horse Guards Parade and St James's Park, the pub serves a traditional lunchtime menu of steak and kidney pudding, cottage pie and fish and chips, alongside a few more modern favourites in the Queen Anne dining room on the first floor.

WATERING HOLE: Westminster Arms has been bought by Shepherd Neame

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Grand ball to celebrate ten years at children's hospice

Decade of 'adding life to days' at Demelza

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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A DECADE of devotion to children at Demelza House will be celebrated with a grand ball this month.

The Sittingbourne-based hospice has grown dramatically since it first opened its doors in 1998, and today lists Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe and Match of the Day presenter Gary Lineker among its many supporters.

Former X Factor finalist Ben Mills will perform at the anniversary ball, to be held at Gillingham Football Club's Priestfield Stadium on Thursday, September 25.

Head of fundraising Sue Piper said the ball would allow staff to thank Demelza's many volunteers and supporters and tell them how far the hospice had come with their help.

She added: "It's certainly an important landmark as the hospice has grown tremendously since it opened 10 years ago with a handful of staff on a shoestring budget. Now we're up to 200 staff and about 300 volunteers.

"We're really excited about the ball and we are expecting a large number of guests.

"It's a party first and foremost, so we will be playing games like pass-the-parcel, but we will also do a bit of fundraising with an auction and things like that.

"Gills chairman Paul Scally is a big supporter of ours and is allowing us to use Priestfield for free."

The seeds of Demelza House were sown in 1990 after the sudden death of Derek and Jennifer Phillips' 24-year-old daughter Demelza, who had worked at a children's hospice in Birmingham.

Her parents attended a memorial service at the hospice and were so impressed by the facilities on offer that they vowed to create their own version back home in Kent.

The Demelza House charity was started in December 1994 to raise money to build the proposed hospice in the village of Bobbing, near Sittingbourne, and four years later the dream was realised.

Drawn up by Mr Phillips, who is an architect by trade, the buildings are set on six acres and were designed to look like traditional Kent farmhouses with the addition of an oast house. Today the hospice welcomes children with life-limiting conditions from all over the county, regardless of what stage of their illness or health they have reached.

SMILES BETTER: Fran and Marianne (above), Charlie in the sensory room (left) and Matthew (below) show what Demelza means to so many children and families

The charity is also in the process of raising funds to build a second hospice in Eltham, south London, where staff hope to continue the practice of "adding life to days when days cannot be added to life".

But despite the amazing success story that is Demelza House, Mrs Piper said it was as crucial as ever that people continue to donate money.

She said: "We've gone from strength to strength but face challenging times ahead. In this economic climate fundraising is the first thing to be hit. The man in the street will not donate money if he is struggling to pay his bills. So it is essential that people continue to help us however they can. If we don't have that money, we simply can't continue. The majority of the money we raise goes directly to our care support for children and their families, rather than admin costs and that sort of thing."

Mrs Piper said a commemorative book celebrating 10 years of Demelza House was also in the works.

"People are continually amazed at how far we have come in a relatively short space of time," she said.

"Things are moving so fast and we are expanding at such a rate that it's hard to keep check of it. People remember when the hospice opened and it was seen as just a small local charity, so this anniversary is a big step for us."

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Joanna backs Gurkhas' fight to stay in the UK

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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ACTRESS Joanna Lumley is leading a protest march of around 2,500 Gurkhas and their families to the High Court.

The action on Tuesday outside the Royal Courts of Justice in London, is to mark the first day of a historic legal hearing on the issue of settlement rights for the soldiers, who are recruited by the British Army from Nepal.

It is a test case brought by five veteran Gurkhas and the widow of another.

But the result will affect more than 2,000 retired Gurkhas who have been denied the right to settle in the UK.

Some 45,000 have died in action for Britain, and Gurkhas have won 13 Victoria Crosses while in the British Army.

Gurkha VC recipient, Honorary Lieutenant Tul Bahadur Pun, will be at the court and has already given evidence on behalf of the Gurkhas.

He served in Burma during World War Two with Ms Lumley's father, Major James Rutherford Lumley. He was in the 6th Gurkha Rifles, part of the British Indian Army.

Joanna Lumley, who grew up in Wickhambreaux and Rolvenden, said: "My father served with the Gurkhas for 30 years. Indeed, he saw action as a Chindit in Burma with Mr Pun.

"Like so many people in Britain, I am ashamed at how successive governments have failed these magnificent and loyal soldiers.

"The overwhelming wish of the British is to allow them to live here with us if they so choose. I sincerely hope the court finds in their favour."

The fighters want settlement rights for Gurkhas who retired prior to 1997 and the case marks the latest stage in their long struggle for equal pension rights.

A large delegation of Gurkhas and their supporters will start to gather in Parliament Square on Monday and then submit a petition to the Prime Minister at Downing Street.

They will then walk to the Gurkha Memorial to pay a tribute to those who have given their life and blood for the UK.

Folkestone Liberal Democrat, Peter Carroll, has long campaigned for the Gurkhas' rights, as many of them are stationed at barracks in nearby Shorncliffe.

He said: "If we lose it is going to condemn Gurkhas to more suffering and the possibility of being deported."

Mahendra Lal Rai, general secretary of the Gurkha Army Ex-Servicemen's Organisation, said: "It is imperative we win this for the sake of so many people who could be removed from the country."

The Home Office, which deals with settlement issues, said: "The Government has tried to be as fair as possible in its treatment of Armed Forces veterans — including ex-Gurkhas.

"Gurkhas discharged before July 1, 1997, would not normally have developed strong residential ties with the UK. This was the date that the Gurkhas became a UK-based force on completion of the withdrawal from Hong Kong."

PROTEST: Joanna Lumley will lead Gurkhas' march on the High Court

Art boosts town's profile

THE Folkestone Triennial comes to a close this with Sunday the final day for most of the exhibits dotted around the town.

From sculptures depicting the harrowing experience of the trenches in World War One to baby clothes cast in bronze and a giant mobile gull, the event's variety received widespread praise.

As well as almost all of the quality UK newspapers, it was featured across Europe and in publications in the USA and Japan.

Visitor numbers to the town were up and several of the larger exhibits will remain in place as the town continues its Creative Foundation regeneration programme.

Cllr Robert Bliss, Shepway council's leader, said: "Although the final evaluation studies of the triennial are to be undertaken shortly, it is clear that it has had a massive impact in raising the profile of the area, with consistent presence in the national and local media.

"It has been a delight to see so many visitors discovering the town for the first time, and we hope to see them again soon."

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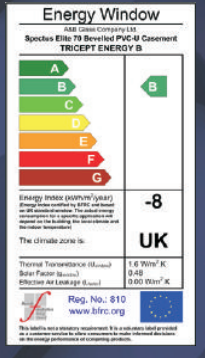

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STRUGGLING Kent farmers are facing the worst harvest in living memory.

They are falling a fortnight behind schedule for gathering in the wheat and stand to lose up to an extra £20 a tonne from the price they get at market.

Heavy rain in the last two weeks has put a dampener on work as farmers watch their crops get drenched and – as an added blow – start to sprout and germinate.

To compound their problems, standing wheat heads are beginning to shed grain, days are getting shorter and the temperature is beginning to fall, making it more difficult to use combine harvesters on wet fields.

Arable farms on the Weald and in west Kent have been hit hard, while those nearer the sea in the east and around Romney Marsh have fared a little better because of the coastal effect – but not much.

By **TONY PATEY**
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Kent's National Farmers' Union chairman Kevin Attwood said: "It's been a struggle. It has been the worst harvest in living memory because the whole of August and the start of September were pretty dreadful."

This has resulted in wheat being much wetter, so it has to be dried at extra cost to the farmer.

Also, at all stages of the process, even if it has been gathered in, germination has started, which triggers chemical reactions, hitting quality and giving lower yields. The weather is also having a knock-on effect for next year's production.

Mr Attwood said it was just past the optimum time to sow for oil seed rape and farmers were getting frustrated because they should be starting to drill for next year's wheat but can't if crops are still standing.

He reckoned the total effect on the market price of a tonne of wheat for a farmer would be about £20 – current market prices are about £110 a tonne.

In recent years the price has been as low as half that, but has also soared to about half as much again.

Mr Attwood, who farms 6,000 acres at Doddington, said his harvesting season had now been taking place over two months when it usually takes one.

Rural affairs secretary Hilary Benn has temporarily relaxed EU rules governing work that can be done on waterlogged land to help farmers salvage crops.

Clive Apps, who farms 1,000 acres at Romney Marsh, warned that future business for farmers would be tough because they had also been hit hardest with rapidly rising overhead costs such as fertiliser and diesel.

• ***Farmers praised for action to tackle bluetongue, see p18.***

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Building for the future

Design guru Wayne to give views to visitors at Construction Expo

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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WAYNE Hemingway will explain why he feels happiness is more important than money when he speaks at Construction Expo 2008 later this month.

The show – organised by KOS Media in conjunction with the North Kent Construction Skills Project – brings together some of the country's best-known developers, planners, training providers and more for a day of information, idea-sharing and demonstrations.

Entrepreneur Hemingway now owns Hemingway Design, and lists The Bridge scheme in Dartford as one of his success stories.

He will be one of a number of guest speakers at Construction Expo, which takes place at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham, on Wednesday, September 24.

Hemingway said: "My role will be to talk about the current situation in the housing industry and how I have lots of beliefs on how it should change.

"What some firms need to realise is that when you are building new places, the first thing you think about should not be facts and figures. It should be about people and how they want to live.

"If you get that right when you're designing new homes, then the money will come later."

Other guests at the second annual expo are David Liston-Jones, chief executive of the Thames Gateway Kent Partnership, Countryside Properties chairman Alan Cherry and London 2012 Games programme manager Paul Toben, among others.

North Kent Construction Skills Project director Glenys Gilbert-Collins said: "We're delighted with the broad range of talent that is going to come along and speak at the show, as we worked hard to get the line-up.

"The first expo last year was very successful, as we had more than 100 exhibitors and more than 1,000 visitors. We're hoping that this year there will be even more."

The expo, which runs from 8am-4pm, is free for visitors.

In the main exhibition area, modern building techniques will be demonstrated including the application of clay block and engineered flooring systems.

Other interactive demonstrations featuring brickwork, carpentry, painting and decorating, and roofing will be on hand.

There will also be a chance to see a site security system that uses Bluetooth technology, and various rescue methods from construction sites.

Sittingbourne-based Denne Construction will also host its own mini-expo, aimed at schools, next to the main exhibition area.

Mrs Gilbert-Collins said: "This is essentially a 'meet the buyer' event to allow businesses to find out what is going on in the regeneration and development areas, but it will be useful for employers in other ways too.

"People talk about the credit crunch but we are also going through a talent crunch as we have a skills shortage.

"When we come out of this downturn we are going to be in the same situation or worse, so this expo will also encourage companies to find out what needs to be done."

Construction Expo 2008 will conclude with a champagne reception and guided tour of the Rochester Riverside development, on board the refurbished Kingswear Castle paddle steamer.

• ***For more information about visiting the show call Liz Hare on 01303 817172 or email liz.hare@constructionexpo.co.uk. For fast-track entry visit the website www.constructionexpo.co.uk.***

IDEAS: Wayne Hemingway will talk about home designs at Construction Expo 2008

Big Bang breakfast is a blast

SCIENTISTS invited Kent pupils to watch the world's biggest scientific experiment – recreating the Big Bang, ***writes Tom Sheldrick***.

Ten youngsters from Simon Langton Boys' Grammar in Canterbury watched via a live video-link to the control room of CERN in Geneva, Switzerland on Wednesday.

The Langton was the only school invited to attend the Big Bang Breakfast at Central Hall, Westminster, on Wednesday.

A-level pupil Tom Stevenson, 17, said: "It was a privilege to be there – a great buzz."

The school sends pupils to CERN every year as part of its specialist science status. Teacher Dr Becky Parker, who was awarded an MBE for services to education in June, has led the development of the Langton Star Centre. Pupils have been developing a cosmic ray detector satellite.

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'Wretched end' to cruise for stranded passengers

EXCLUSIVE

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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ELDERLY holidaymakers were held up at Dover docks when a local transport provider went bust.

All Destinations was supposed to have provided a fleet of cars to pick up hundreds of passengers aboard the Saga Ruby cruise liner on Wednesday morning, but the firm had collapsed the day before.

Staff at Folkestone-based Saga Holidays scrambled to find taxi companies across the county that could help, but many elderly holidaymakers still faced delays of more than two hours after the ship had docked.

SAGA RUBY: Delays after docking at Dover

Roger Perfitt, 63, had just returned from a 14-day cruise around the Baltic states.

He said: "Passengers were told to gather in the ballroom at 8am the morning we arrived and shortly after the captain came on the public address and read out a statement from head office. It said All Destinations had collapsed and there would be delays.

"It said all those who needed pick-ups would get them because Saga had worked through the night on an emergency plan.

"But it wasn't wonderful. We left the boat at 10.30am and I didn't get home until 3pm."

Mr Perfitt said many of the taxi drivers had difficulty finding their allocated passengers, and that some groups shared vehicles because it was not clear who they were supposed to be driven home by.

He added: "I saw some old people sitting on kerbs looking really tired and the couple I shared a car with fell asleep almost as soon as they got in. It was a wretched end to a great holiday."

Paul Green, head of communications for Saga Holidays, admitted there were lessons to be learned, but said the firm did the best it could at such short notice.

"We called in 70 people to work until 11pm to contact taxi firms and sort this out. It was a real team effort because we wanted to make sure our customers were looked after.

"When All Destinations went bust we had no idea what drivers they had called or if they had consulted anyone at all.

"We had an inkling something was wrong when some of the drivers, who work independently, told us they had not been paid.

"All the invoices we received from the firm were paid on time, so it is not acceptable that the drivers did not receive their money."

Mr Green said Saga was in the process of setting up its own in-house chauffeur service.

The All Destinations website was still running when KOS Media went to press, but its phone number was "temporarily out of order".

A sign in the window of its Dover offices reads 'Ceased operating'.

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Kent's attractions range from folk storytelling in Faversham to a giant chess competition in Folkestone.

Dover will lead the county's cultural celebrations in its bid to be the entry point for the Olympic torch in 2012.

Light Up Dover will see a spectacular pyrotechnics display over the harbour, culminating in a celebration of fire and the torch.

The Festival of Light parade in Gravesend will include musicians, as well as more than 200 schoolchildren.

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Tomas captures park and pride

A KENT man was named regional winner in a competition to take pictures of local parks.

Tomas Herodes' photograph of Dunorlan Park in Tunbridge Wells won the South East section of the Postcards from the Park contest.

The snap, entitled Sunday Morning, impressed judges including photographer Mike McCartney, the brother of Beatle Sir Paul; and Amateur Photographer magazine editor Damien Demolder.

Postcards from the Park was launched in May with Lottery backing and support from charity GreenSpace. The aim was to encourage people to capture what they love about their local parks.

Mr Herodes said: "I'm delighted. I visit Dunorlan Park almost every day as I walk to pick up my partner from the café.

"I'm an avid photographer and in February the light of the sunrise was so breathtaking I couldn't resist taking pictures.

"This shot is part of a series I took and it was the spectacular light that inspired me to enter this photograph."

Mr McCartney said: "Tomas Herodes' photo is a wonderful shot which not only illustrates the high standard this year but also why so many people love their local parks."

Rail boss's easy ride on public platform

MEDWAY commuters have nothing bad to say about their train services – at least that appears to be the case after a rail chief turned up at a station expecting a grilling from passengers, ***writes Tom Sheldrick.***

Managing director of Southeastern trains Charles Horton, accompanied by Gillingham MP Paul Clark, was braced for a mauling from passengers after arranging a public forum – but nobody wanted to quiz them.

The session, at Gillingham station on Tuesday morning, was abandoned because not a single commuter wanted to take part. The duo were forced to walk along the platforms trying to talk to passengers.

Station manager Caroline Wilson said: "It's unfortunate, but it was a bit too busy to get to talk to many people".

Mr Clark said the lack of complaints indicated a general satisfaction with rail services. "The number of complaints I get about Southeastern is very small," he said.

Mr Horton could have been forgiven for expecting a rougher ride after recent announcements about fare hikes.

Kent passengers will have to pay higher increases than London travellers, as Southeastern is allowed to raise its fares by the Retail Price Index plus three per cent in Kent, while prices are checked at RPI plus one per cent in the capital.

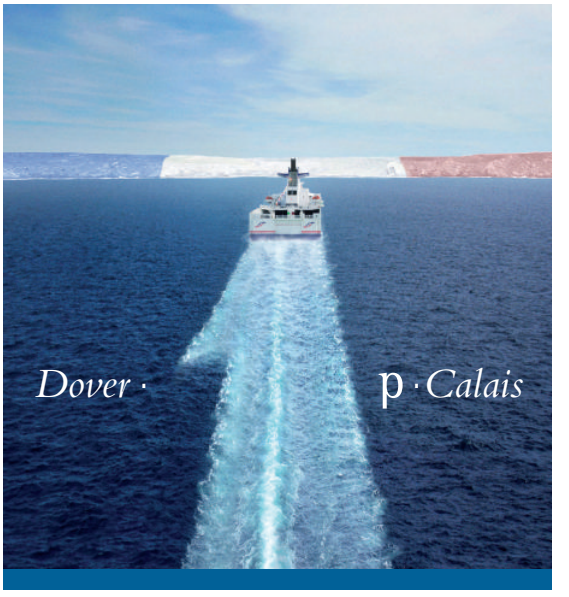
Mr Horton said: "I appreciate people don't like paying more, but as we improve punctuality and reliability they feel they are getting better value for money. The customers' priority is that trains run on time and we are now at 91.1 per cent against the public performance measure."

But Keith Dyall, of campaign group Rail Future, said: "It's ludicrous. It's going to put up the cost of living and make the figures worse for everyone."

Commuters also failed to mention the dilapidated state of Gillingham station. Mr Clark said: "The whole set-up needs a major revamp," while Mrs Wilson admitted: "It's not a pretty station."

The Thames Gateway delivery plan will invest £1.5 million on improvements to the ticket hall, forecourt and access at the station, to be completed in 2009. Mr Horton said new high-speed services, due to start in December 2009, would improve rail travel for Kent passengers.

"They will open up new journey opportunities and boost capacity in the morning peak by about 17 per cent. It's the biggest timetable change in 50 years," he said.



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TRIBUTE: Head of the British Army General Sir Richard Dannatt salutes the standards

Territorial Army celebrates 100 years' selfless service

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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HUNDREDS of people lined the streets of Canterbury to help celebrate 100 years of the Territorial Army.

General Sir Richard Dannatt, head of the British Army, was among those who took part in last Saturday's festivities, saluting past and present members of the TA as they marched past him in the town centre.

The procession, which ended with a service at Canterbury Cathedral, was led by the band of Kent's county regiment The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment (PWRR).

Speaking at the service, Lord Lieutenant of Kent Allan Willett praised all those connected with the TA.

He said: "Let there be no doubt – this celebration is not of military successes or triumphalism.

"It is about the spirit of humanity across generations from Kent who have served so unselfishly, and with such quiet distinction, in the Territorial Army, our other reserves and our regular forces.

"We do not know where this golden thread of service may lead us in the future.

"However, I am confident that in the years to come this frontline county's volunteers will always continue to answer our nation's calls."

Other volunteer reservists and cadets also took part in the march, which began at 10.50am in Pound Lane before making its way through St Peter's Street and the High Street.

General Dannatt gave the salute at the junction with Butchery Lane as the procession continued via the Longmarket, Burgate and the Buttermarket.

During the cathedral service, Mr Willett said it was "heart-warming" to see the different generations that took part in the parade, including a 95-year-old Royal Engineer from Dover.

He added: "Looking around this iconic building, represented here today is not only the Territorial Army that we celebrate, but a golden thread of voluntary service and sacrifice that stretches back centuries.

"It is good to see so many of them here, shoulder-to-shoulder with Territorials past and present, and of course representatives of the regular forces led by General Dannatt, whose presence here today speaks volumes for the significance of this occasion."

Frontline

Also in attendance for the celebrations was Lance Corporal Johnson Beharry, of the PWRR, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for valour in Iraq when he twice rescued comrades despite being severely wounded and under heavy enemy fire.

Mr Willett said: "We in Kent are proud to be the frontline county and the bulwark of the defence of this nation.

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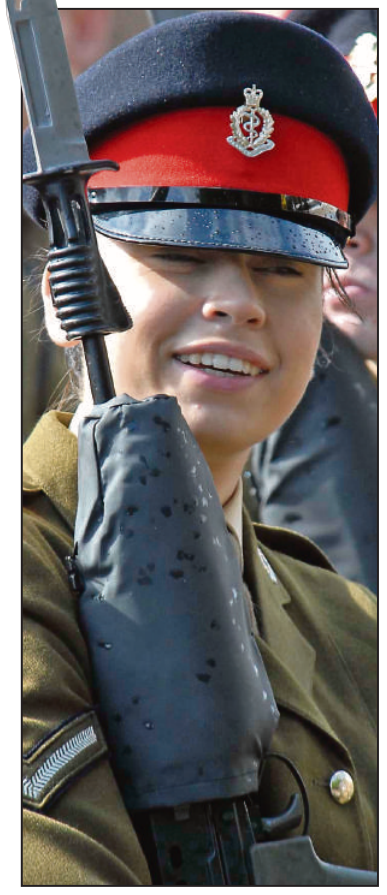

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Kent chippies compete for national title as old favourite goes back on the menu

Out of the frying pan...

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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THREE chippies in Kent are in line for a chance of becoming the best in the UK after being shortlisted in an annual national contest.

Hoping to batter their rivals are Newington Fish Bar, in Ramsgate; Ossie's Fish Bar in Faversham; and Reliance Fish Bar, Gravesend.

They have just been shortlisted in the National Fish and Chip Shop of the Year competition 2008.

Ramzan Altun has been behind the counter at Ossie's Fish Bar for eight years. He said: "We were in the contest last year, but this time we are determined to win it.

"We have beaten thousands of other chip shops to get this far, now we want to go all the way to the final."

Ken Derrett, 57, has run the Newington Fish Bar for 28 years with his brother Nigel, 49.

Ken said: "We have done well in the contest a few times now, but progressing is really tough.

"You really need a brand new shop with brand new everything inside, but we will do our best to get though the next stage."

That will involve a visit from a mystery judge who will assess the shops on product quality, customer service, hygiene, staff training and approaches to sustainable sourcing. This round, which will have staff in shops around the country on tenterhooks, will provide the 19 area winners to be announced next month.

ICON: Best of traditional British grub

Then one further round of judging will determine the top 10 chip shops in Britain.

They will then progress to the grand final in London next year, hosted by celebrity chef Simon Rimmer.

Organised by Seafish, the competition recognises the quality, value and choice offered by our chippies and rewards the cream of the crop with the coveted title.

Andy Gray, project manager and competition judge at Seafish, said: "This year the competition marks its 21st anniversary. In that time the industry has gone from strength to strength, with quality and choice improving continuously.

"Fish and chip shops throughout the country are constantly raising the bar to make sure the iconic dish remains a firm favourite throughout the country.

"As customers are becoming more aware of where their food comes from, fish and chip shops are stocking alternative varieties of fish.

"Shops stepping up to the plate this year have high standards to live up to."

New figures show customers are returning to the traditional British meal, with the first rise in sales in five years.

The number of people going to fast-food restaurants rose by more than three per cent in the first quarter of 2008, compared with last year.

With nearly 276 million meals sold each year from more than 10,500 shops, fish and chips remains the nation's favourite takeaway.

Devotees can also tuck into their fish and chips knowing that they contain 36 per cent fewer calories than a chicken korma and pilau rice, and 42 per cent less fat than a doner kebab with pita and salad.

Recent studies also showed that fish and chips had the lowest salt content of all the takeaways tested.

• ***What's your favourite fish and chip shop in Kent? Email us on editorial@kosmedia.co.uk.***

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ON A PLATE: Ramzan Altun at Ossie's Fish Bar, Faversham

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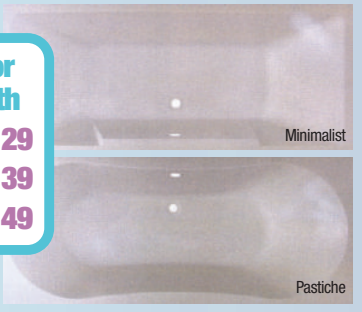

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Water complaints flood in

By STEVE KNIGHT
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AN INCREASE in complaints made to two of Kent's water companies has been blamed for a rise in customer grievances nationally.

The Consumer Council for Water (CCW) says that were it not for Southern Water and South East Water, figures for the industry in 2007-08 would have dropped overall.

Anglian Water, which serves households in the east of the country, also contributed to the rise in complaints.

CCW figures released on Tuesday show that Southern Water had 48,328 complaints for the last financial year, a rise of 154.6 per cent from 2006-07.

South East Water saw a rise of 54.7 per cent to 10,400 complaints.

CCW chairman Dame Yve Buckland said: "It is very disappointing that a few companies are responsible for the overall rise in complaints.

Billing

"Without the high increases in complaints to Southern Water, Anglian Water and South East Water, figures for the industry overall would have dropped.

"It is even more disappointing that for the third year in a row, the rise in complaints has been heavily influenced by individual water companies introducing new billing systems that have gone wrong.

"Companies need to keep in mind that the changes they make do have an impact on consumers.

"Just because they cannot choose their water supplier, customers should not have to put up with sub-standard service.

"We will continue to press water and sewerage companies to raise their standards of service, provide clear benefits to consumers and place consumer priorities at the heart of future plans."

COMPLAINTS: Unhappy customers have inundated water suppliers with phone calls

According to the CCW, the number of complaints made about Southern Water tripled because staff at the company were unable to deal with the large number of grievances about its new billing system.

However, the firm says it has since doubled the number of staff dealing with customer inquiries and is confident the number of complaints will dramatically reduce next year.

Director of customer services Darren Bentham said: "The report from the CCW is disappointing and I would like to publicly apologise to customers.

"We are now doing much better and have recorded a significant improvement in our performance since the bedding-in problems of the new billing system were resolved.

"We are determined to build on this in the future and not only meet but exceed customers' expectations for service delivery and value for money."

South East Water said it too had ironed out problems with its billing system, and that a new customer service centre housing more than 150 staff would lead to a reduction in complaints.

Head of customer services Howard Handley said: "We have always accepted there were some initial problems with a major new billing programme which went live in early 2006.

"That, in turn, prompted a larger number of written complaints that continued into the early part of the next 2007-08 financial year.

"While clearly we did not get everything absolutely right first time for some customers, this new billing system is now firmly bedded in and, in fact, will be rolled out across the newly-merged South East Water as it offers a sound platform on which to help us develop improved customer service."

The three remaining water companies that serve Kent households all saw reductions in the number of complaints made about them to the CCW.

Thames Water was down 8.3 per cent to 52,174, Sutton and East Surrey Water was down 5.8 per cent to 357 and Folkestone and Dover Water saw a drop of 12.9 per cent to 142.

Mid Kent Water, which merged with South East Water in December 2007, saw a 10.5 per cent rise in complaints to 1,040 for the 2007-08 financial year.

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Attacked walking home

AN 18-year-old man was attacked and robbed as he walked home early in the morning.

The incident happened on Saturday, September 6, in Shipbourne Road, Tonbridge, between 2.40-3am.

The teenager became aware of another man walking beside him who asked for his wallet. The man wore dark-coloured clothing and his face was covered with a scarf or balaclava.

The teenager refused to hand over his wallet and was then punched by the man on the side of his face. A second person also punched him, knocking him to the ground.

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That's why we're asking everyone to leave their car at home on **Friday 19 September** and find another method of transport for **In Town Without My Car Day**.

The day is the finale of **Maidstone Goes Green Week**, which has been put together by KCC, Maidstone Town Centre Management and other partner organisations. We've put together a week of activities and information about alternative ways to travel, with the aim of changing people's travelling habits, in order to dramatically reduce congestion in the town and lower CO_2 emissions.

We want everyone who travels into Maidstone, whether it's for work, school or shopping to take part and find out for themselves that they could save money and make a difference to the environment at the same time.

If you're a commuter and you leave the car at home on Friday, you can enter the **Maidstone Commuter Challenge** by passing one of three 'finish lines' around the town, where a free mini breakfast will be waiting for you. If you find an imaginative way to travel you'll be entered into a competition to win six months health club membership or one of three bikes from Cycles UK.

Maidstone Goes Green Week starts on Monday 15 September and we'll be focussing on a different transport option each day: cycling, car sharing, walking and public transport, to help you find an alternative transport method.

Maidstone's three shopping centres; The Mall Chequers, Fremlin Walk and Royal Star Arcade are taking part by hosting events all week. These will include a free bike health check in Fremlin Walk on Monday 15 and a bus clinic in The Mall Chequers on Thursday 18 to help you plan your journeys.

There will also be the chance to win prizes by pledging to change transport methods – even for just one day – by visiting one of the shopping centres or by pledging online.

If you'll be making a short trip, what about swapping the car for walking or cycling? If you're coming from further afield, you could take the bus or train, car share, use the Park and Ride system, use a mixture of these or avoid travelling altogether by working from home. If you need a car for business during the day, joining Maidstone's Streetcar Club could be the answer with pay-as-you-go car hire.

Maidstone Goes Green week events:

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You can find out more information or make a pledge online at www.kentonline.co.uk/intownwithoutmycar

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Travel update

District	Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Maidstone	15.9.08	19.9.08	Lenham Road, Headcorn	Road closure - telecoms works
Sevenoaks	15.9.08	19.9.08	Botsom Lane, West Kingsdown	Road closure - new gas and water mains
Sevenoaks	15.9.09	19.9.08	Castle Road, Eynsford	Road closure - telecoms works
Thanet	15.9.08	20.9.08	Kings Street, Ramsgate	Road closure - new water mains
Tonbridge & Malling	15.9.09	20.9.08	Plaxtol Lane, Plaxtol	Road closure - telecoms works
Dartford	15.9.08	22.9.08	Betsham Road, Darford	Road closure - carriageway works

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LEGEND: 'Pistol' Pete Sampras will be in action at the Royal Albert Hall

THE hugely popular BlackRock Masters Tennis tournament, now in its 12th year, is staged at the iconic venue of the Royal Albert Hall, London from December 2-7, 2008.

This year will see the exciting debut of former World Number One and 14 times Grand Slam champion, Pete Sampras.

This will be the first time Sampras has played in London since his last Wimbledon appearance in 2002.

The American star will be competing against a host of other former Champions of the game in the singles event, including John McEnroe, Goran Ivanisevic and Stefan Edberg, with more names to be announced soon.

The BlackRock Masters Tennis is the season finale to the BlackRock Tour of Champions – a year-long tour that travels the world and pits past tennis masters against each other to earn ranking points.

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Warning over bogus caller

POLICE are warning residents in Downswood, Maidstone, to be vigilant after a bogus caller, claiming to work for the probation service asked a homeowner for money.

The incident occurred around 2.30pm on Friday, September 5, when a man approached a female resident in Foxten Drive, and said if she bought some of the textiles he had, he would get breakfast in the morning.

He had an ID tag round his neck and was carrying a large canvas bag.

Police are issuing a warning to residents not to give money to callers, unless they can prove they are who they say.

Genuine callers will not mind you asking for a phone number to check their identity.

Cubist cat at auction in the city

RARE BEAST: Lucky Master Cat by artist Louis Wain is for sale

A RARE 'cubist cat' is about to go under the hammer at a Kent auction house, ***writes Michael Sims***.

Canterbury Auction Galleries has already set an auction world record of £8,200 for a Louis Wain pottery cat.

The latest figure features in the autumn sale on Tuesday and is expected to sell for £4,500-£6,000.

The piece on offer is Lucky Master Cat from the early 20th century. Its octagonal head and angular body reflect the cubism movement of the time.

Curiously, the creature sports a bow tie and is smoking a cigar. It is eight-and-a-half inches tall and is thought to have been made by Max Emmanuel in 1914.

A mostly blue Wain figure was sold to a Californian buyer in Canterbury in June. It fetched £8,200.

Wain was an illustrator whose 'discovery' of felines was born out of tragedy and ended in madness.

In 1884, aged 23, he married Emily Richardson but she was soon diagnosed with cancer.

Wain spent hours making sketches of her kitten performing human activities such as reading a newspaper to amuse his ailing wife. His pictures were published by the Illustrated London News and brought Wain public acclaim.

However, he developed schizophrenia after the death of his wife, the progression of which some claim can be traced through his changing styles of work. Wain died in 1939.

The sale will also feature several items based in Kent.

These include a 17th century walnut clock owned by a Folkestone collector that could fetch up to £15,000.

A George IV mahogany dining table from a Folkestone estate is estimated at £3,000-4,000.

Viewing for the sale is this Sunday from 1-5pm; Monday from 10am-7pm; and on the morning of the sale from 8.30am. The sale starts at 10am.

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Farmers praised after bluetongue danger is licked

By **NICK AMES**
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A 90 PER cent plus take-up in vaccination against the bluetongue virus – which can be fatal to livestock – has spared the county's sheep and cattle from infection.

And the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has praised farmers in Kent, while experts believe the worst is over.

Last year the insect-borne virus proved a headache for farmers, with quarantine zones established and lack of movement allowed for winter grazing.

But at the start of the summer a vaccination programme was introduced by Defra.

About 98 per cent of Kent farms took up the offer, with the figure for farms as a whole in excess of 90 per cent.

Animal health experts say the farmers' action prevented an outbreak of the disease – which causes sickness followed by death in its most severe form – comparable to that experienced in continental Europe where herds and flocks were devastated.

Anthony Greenleaves, vet manager of Animal Health, which is a branch of Defra, said while people still needed to be vigilant, large-scale problems had been avoided.

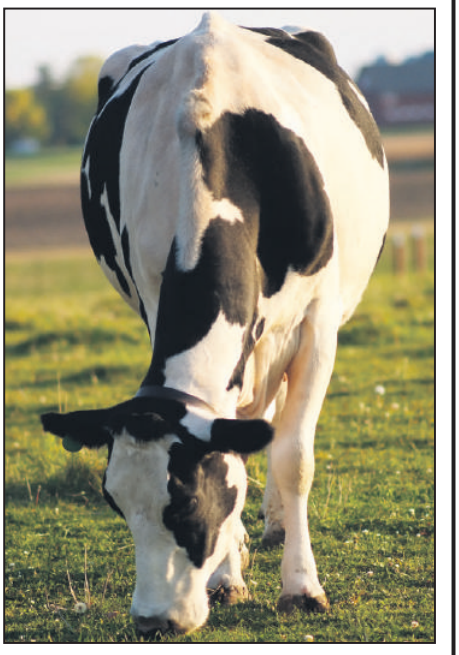
"In terms of cases within the county, we get one or two alerts a week and we check these out," he said. "But in no cases during recent weeks have they proved positive."

This is the second year the disease has been viewed as a threat to the UK farming industry. Experts feared it would be more devastating than 12 months ago, as the midges that spread it had gained a foothold and the species had adapted to British climatic conditions.

But Mr Greenleaves said: "The second season in Europe – the summer of 2007 – was the worst for farmers across the Channel. We are, in effect, a year behind them, as it spread to these shores last year.

"So it was very good to see how our farmers reacted. It has looked good so far and the programme of inoculation looks like it has done the trick.

"We do have a few cases of infected animals coming into the country from Eastern Europe so we are maintaining our level of alert. Also the vaccination programme will continue next year. But it looks like we have been spared the worst and, thanks to farmers, the threat is not as great as at first feared."



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THE wife of Folkestone and Hythe MP and former Tory party leader Michael Howard admits she was able to do most of the research for her books on political sex and scandal "in bed", ***writes Chris Murphy.***

Former model and now newspaper columnist Sandra Howard has seen her novel, Ursula's Story, just published in paperback.

It is a follow-up to a previous book, Glass Houses which traced the story of Victoria James, a government minister who ends up in an affair with a newspaper editor and finally marries him, shattering two families in the process.

Ursula is the other woman, and her life is examined in the second book. Mrs Howard confessed to being able to draw on her own life as a leading politician's wife to put the storyline together.

She laughed: "I can honestly say I could do quite a bit of my research in bed. I could ask my husband while I had him captive."

Four-times married Mrs Howard added: "I haven't based it on my own life. I haven't had an editor husband and the female minister is not based on anyone.

"I could do my research fairly close to home for the first book, having been married to a government minister for a long time – he spent 14 years as a minister."

Mrs Howard, 68, is giving a talk on her life as a model, political wife and writer on Tuesday, at the Tunbridge Wells International Music Festival literary lunch.

She said: "I will be talking about writing books at a mature age, the thrill of it all, and how hard it is get a book published. It will generally be about being a politician's wife and a model in the 1960s. It will be more on the book side than anything else."

Being well known doesn't always make it easier to be published, she said.

"It's like two sides of a coin, really. If you are attached to someone well known, or you have been a model or whatever, you can get your toe in the door of a publisher and you know they will glance at your book.

"On the flip side, you might get looked at when someone else might not, but if it doesn't stand up the critics will be harder on you. It's swings and roundabouts."

The third novel, A Question of Loyalty, comes out early next year. Mrs Howard revealed it involves a young newspaper reporter who turns out to be a hero.

"It continues with the newspaper theme in that I have a young reporter who is a Muslim and it's a thriller. He is a hero because of what he succeeds in preventing happening. It's terrorism linked and political again.

"My fourth book is being conceived – I'm still trying to dream that one up," she said.

The lunch at Hotel du Vin starts with a champagne reception, followed by a two-course lunch with wine in the Abbeywell garden room. Tickets are £37.50.

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Enduring legacy of American princess

By MICHAEL SIMS
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THE 50th anniversary of Gravesend's landmark statue of Princess Pocahontas will be celebrated next month.

The town's St George's Church is the final resting place of Pocahontas, who died on her way back to America in 1617 as her ship passed Gravesend.

The church will welcome seven American ancestors of the princess on the weekend of October 4-5. Members of the Bolling family can trace their ancestry to the Native American princess, who continues to attract interest nearly 400 years after her death.

The celebrations will open with a talk entitled Pocahontas – No Myths Barred, by Professor Helen Rountree, an expert on Pocahontas and the English settlers. She will be flying in from the United States.

Several events have been lined up to strengthen Gravesend's relationship with the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Alan Vincent, musical director of Gravesham Choral Society, has organised a concert where The Pocahontas Performers will combine English and American music styles. This will be followed by a meal influenced by both sides of the Atlantic.

Friendship

The Rector of Gravesend, the Rev Canon Chris Stone, hailed the event for bringing the two communities together.

He said: "It gives us a great opportunity to celebrate the enduring friendship between Gravesham and Virginia, something we value very much.

"We are expecting hundreds of visitors during the weekend and are looking forward to the visit of the Bolling family."

On the second day, the life-size statue will be commemorated in a special service at St George's Church.

Gravesend's Pocahontas landmark was unveiled in 1958 by the then Governor of Virginia, John S Battle.

It is a copy of the statue that stands in Jamestown, Virginia, where the first permanent English settlement was founded in 1607. The Rev Canon Stone visited the Virginia statue last year.

The two are identical apart from the hands, which have been polished to a shine on the Virginia statue through visitors holding her hands – the Gravesend replica is displayed high up and out of reach.

The Kent statue was the idea of the Canon Selwyn Gummer, the Rector of Gravesend in the 1950s, who wanted to mark Pocahontas' extraordinary life.

Pocahontas was the Indian wife of 17th century English colonist John Rolfe and the first of her people to be baptised as a Christian.

Together they voyaged from Virginia to England, where as a Native American she was met with great fascination and interest.

But she fell ill as they set off on the return journey and died at Gravesend. Her funeral and burial were both at St George's Church.

To obtain tickets for any of the events, telephone 01474 337600 or email info@towncentric.co.uk.

More information and a booking form can be found at www.stgeorgesgravesend.org.uk.

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GO WEST: The famous statue of Pocahontas at St George's Churchyard in Gravesend

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Fine and re-test for young driver

AN 18-YEAR-OLD driver has been given a £100 fine and will have to retake his driving test after being found guilty of careless driving by Maidstone magistrates.

Henry Furness of Ringlestone Road, Harrietsham, pleaded guilty to careless driving following a crash in Leeds Road, Langley, on February 28 when he drove into the back of a stationary car. The other driver suffered whiplash injuries in the crash.

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Green Party anger at protest policing

THE Green Party is to ask for an inquiry into alleged heavy-handedness by police during the Kingsnorth Climate Camp protests last month.

Dr Hazel Dawe, chairman of the Kent branch, presented an emergency motion on the subject at the party's annual conference in London earlier this week.

It was passed unanimously and a letter requesting the inquiry will now be sent to the Home Secretary Jacqui Smith.

Dr Dawe said: "Ordinary Kent people on the Hoo peninsula who had never before encountered such aggressive policing were appalled.

"As chairman of Kent Green Party I am concerned at how this will affect the relationship of Kent people to their police force."

Last month, KOS Media reported how several leading politicians had condemned the "aggressive" and "provocative" policing approach at the camp, which was a protest at plans for a new coal-powered plant at the site.

They included Dr Caroline Lucas, Green MP for the South East and Norman Baker, Lib Dem shadow transport secretary.

Kent Police said officers responded directly to activity at the camp, and in particular people who were more intent on creating trouble than protesting.

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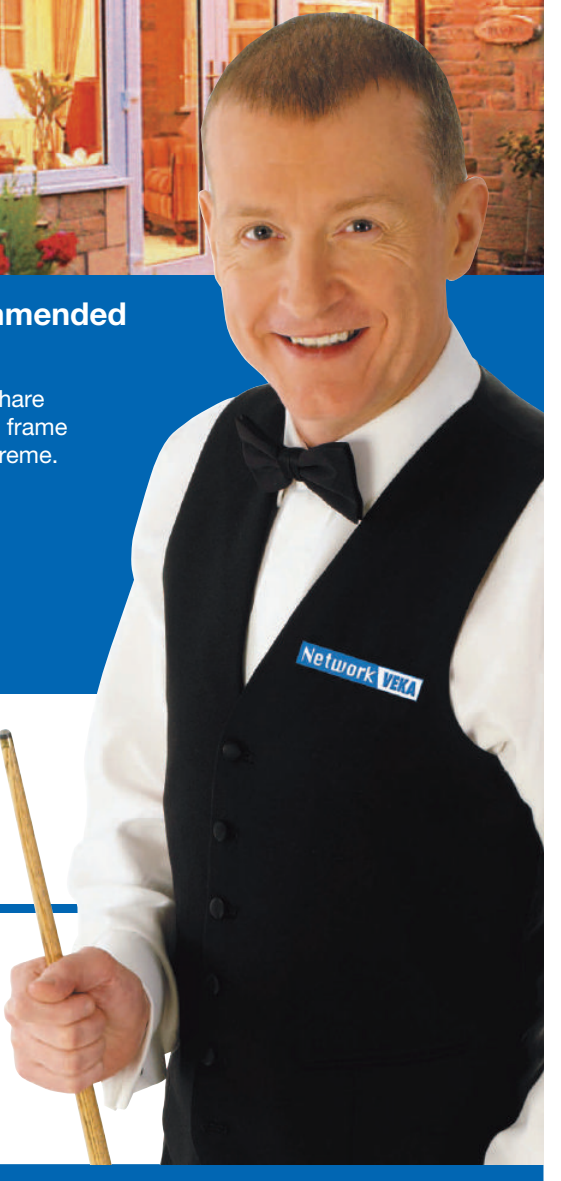

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Game of Calais

This week a cross-party group of MPs called for limits on immigration into Britain from non-EU countries, and said population numbers had to be controlled in the face of predictions that seven million people will have moved onto our island by 2031. Award-winning Kent photo-journalist MIKE GUNNILL travelled to Calais and offers this personal view on the problems of illegal immigration from across the Channel

HOW much longer will the game of Calais continue?

Since 1987 there has been a cat-and-mouse game of asylum seekers and French police, with the asylum seekers – or whatever we are supposed to call them now, winning every time.

Today, as before, it really begs the question, when will sensible basic measures be introduced to stop this open door into the United Kingdom?

The latest technology is supposed to operating at the French and Belgium ports. It is, however, an open secret that many immigration-scanning vehicles do not or cannot work.

There is the recent example at the port of Zeebrugge, one unit was scanning and working every day just for effect, no-one was detained or caught because the unit just didn't work.

Every time the mobile unit was moved it had be re-calibrated and a visit from a Dover-based engineer required.

Not every lorry is stopped and scanned because this would cause huge delays and start to block the motorway access roads and more important still, stop ferries sailing on schedule.

Checks do catch some people inside lorries entering the search sheds but when caught they are handed over to the French police. Where they 'process them' and quickly release them again locally. Just watch the police station opposite the City of Europe shopping centre mid-morning, constant streams of tired and disappointed men are released via the police car park to walk five kilometres back into Calais.

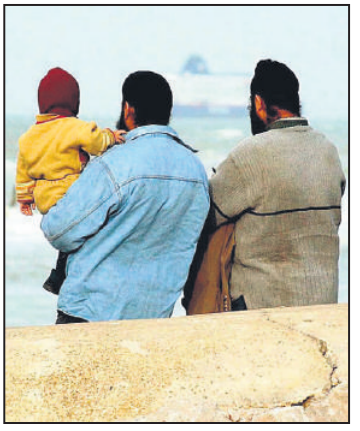
Seekers then wait for their next charity feeding, feel stronger, sleep and then try the very same evening the 'Calais game' again.

A teenage Afghan said this week he had tried 23 times to leave France, caught 23 times, been processed 23 times, released 23 times and was still trying. All within his three-month stay in Calais.

In broken English he said: "I only have to be lucky once, the people searching for me have to be lucky every time. I will keep trying to get to London until I succeed. Nothing will stop me, it is my right."

The French Government could stop this daily game. When caught trying to enter the UK illegally, asylum seekers should be processed but then returned to Belgium.

All are in France illegally but very few want to stay and just use France as a transit lounge. Belgium would then deport them to Germany, as each country would pass them back wards along their previous route.



CAT-AND-MOUSE GAME: Asylum seekers are determined to get into the UK

This new hard line would quickly get the message across and close the back door into southern England.

The other area of concern is, what sort of people are entering the United Kingdom?

Some are ex-doctors or students but 90 per cent of all 'seekers' are desperate young men looking not only to import themselves into the United Kingdom but their violence, customs and hatreds. I personally have been threatened with knifes, iron bars, pieces of wood, surrounded by large groups and stoned, many British lorry drivers have experienced the same.

Most of these 'transit travellers' are not good people and will stop at nothing to enter our country.

Isn't it about time, the French Government stopped either directly or indirectly helping this problem to cross the English Channel?

Huge numbers of French CRS soldiers are always on standby in Calais in case of trouble, but often they remain in their three-star hotels waiting to become useful.

When will the French and British governments stop pretending the problem is reducing? How many more British lorry drivers have to be attacked or female student journalists raped?

Will someone please close and secure this back door into the United Kingdom.

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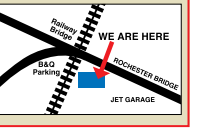

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ATTRACTIVE brunette, kind, caring, genuine, 39, 5ft10, WLTM very good-looking, fit gentleman, loyal, caring, honest, to enjoy walks, music, dancing, cooking, family life and more with. Box 374656 **TXT** P

KIND, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694 **TXT** P

GENUINE female, 41, 5'3", brunette, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meals out, music etc, seeks male, 38-42, for romance. Box 155275 **TXT** P

HARD-WORKING independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, enjoys cinema, eating in/out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship first, then hopefully more. Box 442205 **TXT**

YOUNG looking 40yr old, 5ft7, green eyes, loves cinema, theatre, meals, cosy nights in, music, DVDs, seeking honest, loyal, good-looking male 35-45 with similar interests. Box 442999 **TXT** P

OUTGOING girl, 42, dark hair, brown eyes, likes swimming, walking, cycling, riding horses, outdoor sports, seeking similar male for love. Box 443591 **TXT**

PROFESSIONAL 41yr old female, 5'9", dark hair, blue eyes, single mum, happy-go-lucky, into sports, looking for professional, tall male, for laughter and happiness. Box 420077 **TXT**

HARD-WORKING female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 **TXT**

CARING, loving, attractive female, 41, N/S, size 12, enjoys keeping fit, most things, seeks romantic, passionate, tall, good looking male, 35-42, for LTR. Eastbourne. Box 807291 **TXT** P

FUN-LOVING, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378 **TXT** P

FUN-LOVING 41, happy, caring, N/S brunette, size 12, 5ft3, likes to laugh, enjoy most things, looking for that special person to share my life. Eastbourne. Box 897642 **TXT**

SINGLE mum with own property, 43, loves running, swimming and keeping fit, wicked SOH, seeking someone to make me laugh and spend good times with. Box 443081 **TXT**

BUBBLY blonde, 44, stupid and like having a laugh, good company, friendship, would like to meet new friends for hopeful love... Box 888162 **TXT**

HI I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 P

DEAL-BASED lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 **TXT** P

PETITE, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTM N/S man to share things with. Box 429682 **TXT**

FAST approaching a winter of discontent, 46, tall, bright, could you be my log fire and toasted marshmallow? Box 918163 **TXT**

FUN extrovert person, 45, likes cinema, going out, meals, socialising, 5ft7, dark brown hair/eyes, curvy, seeking nice guy to start off as friends. Box 442905 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE female, 45, slim-medium build, 5ft5, big brown eyes, brown hair, caring, loving, honest, seeking LTR with an honest, caring male to enjoy life with. Box 439367 **TXT**

44YR old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 **TXT**

SLIM female, 46, 5ft11, easygoing, happy nature, seeking LTR with a caring, committed man who enjoys cinema, eating out, reading, DVDs and more. Box 443216 **TXT**

SINCERE, happy woman, with GSOH. I'm 5ft6, with short brown hair, brown eyes. I have lots of interests and WLTM similar guy. Box 895019 **TXT**

CARING, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, redhead. Likes cinema, theatre, walking. WLTM male for fun and friendship. Box 895928 **TXT**

SLIM, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out etc, GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 440100 **TXT**

HI, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTM gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love! Box 440397 **TXT**

PROFESSIONAL female, 49, brunette, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar as myself for loving relationship. Box 443198 **TXT**

YOUNG-LOOKING, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833 **TXT**

BLONDE, 49, 5ft4, brown eyes, slim, enjoys music, dancing, dining in/out and gardening, GSOH, shy at first. Looking for honest man for friendship, maybe more. Box 904969 **TXT**

HELP me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640 **TXT**

PETITE, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **TXT**

GENUINE, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover. Box 435441 **TXT**

NON-SMOKING mum with GSOH, 50, 5ft3, blue eyes, medium-large build, loves music, gym, going out, travel, seeking down-to-earth, sincere guy. Box 442821 **TXT**

HI, I'm Yvette, 50, separated, blonde hair/blue eyes, size 12, 5'2", likes cinema, meals and drinks out, reading, walks, looking for male, 40-60, for relationship. Box 420160 **TXT**

SPORTY female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 165367 **TXT**

CURVY & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTM similar loving male. Box 443642 **TXT**

SUE, 56yr old, 5ft4, green eyes, petite, loves cooking, holidays, reading and swimming, WLTM a tall professional male, similar age, for friendship and romance. Box 443309 **TXT**

AFFECTIONATE tactile bubbly woman, young 56, 5'7", blonde, curvy, looking for lasting relationship with 50-58 year old loving man. Box 888680 **TXT**

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HI there, kind-hearted 57yr old sincere lady, non-smoker, recently separated, seeking kind, honest gent for friendship first and to make me laugh. Box 440637 **TXT**

FLIRTATIOUS, energetic female, 57, 5ft3, blonde hair, curvy, loves dancing, walking, seaside, films, fun, life! Seeking special male to spoil, pamper and enjoy laughter with. Box 443672 **TXT**

SEMI-RETIRED nurse, 58, likes movies, walking, music, WLTM male 58-62, kind, caring, for companionship and more. Box 443795 **TXT**

FUN loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking for a real man. Box 903560 **TXT** P

HONEST, sincere female, 58, GSOH, enjoys the countryside, the coast, smoking, seeking tall, honest, sincere male for friendship first and possible relationship. Box 441662 **TXT**

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY lady with nice smile, 62, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, enjoys dancing, walking, eating in/out, animals, seeking loving man for friendship/long term relationship. Box 443171 **TXT**

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EASYGOING female, 62, nights in and out, drama, social drinks, seeks nice, honest man for friendship and maybe more. Box 440491 **TXT**

BLONDE female 62yr old, divorced, slim, enjoys walks and trips to the seaside, WLTM a male, 59-64, for a loving companionship. Kent area only please. Box 442443 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE, gregarious, fun-loving non-smoker, 63, slim, 5ft4, very active, loves walks, the countryside, POI, animals; seeking similar male, caring, tactile, GSOH, to be my soulmate. Box 443644 **TXT**

WIDOW, early 60s, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, medium build, N/S, loving, caring, no ties, enjoys travelling, socialising, eating in/out, seeking similar male to enjoy life with. Rye. Box 441177 **TXT** P

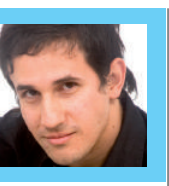
GENUINE lady, 65yr old, 5ft4, enjoys walking, gardening and eating out, lots of tlc to give, WLTM a sincere gentleman for a LTR. Box 442065 **TXT**

WIDOW, 65, 5ft3. fair hair, slim-medium build, enjoys dancing, sports, badminton, table-tennis, walking, theatre, eating out, WLTM similar male, honest, caring, to enjoy life with. Box 443671 **TXT**

Women for women

TRACEY, 23, 5ft2, green eyes, slim, laid-back, enjoys meals out, pubs and clubs, WLTM a similar female for a relationship. Box 443248 **TXT**

40-YEAR-OLD gay woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate people and places, muddy walks and cosy nights in, WLTM gay woman for friendship/relationship. Seaford. Box 894541 **TXT** P



MEN for WOMEN

DOWN-TO-EARTH loveable guy, 30, 5ft8, stocky, blonde hair/blue eyes, likes the finer things in life, going out, eating in, pubs, WLTM genuine girl for LTR. Box 441947 **TXT**

HELLO, I'm a single dad, 32, blue-green eyes, short mousey hair, GSOH, happy, easygoing, good-looking! Seeking slim, attractive female, possibly Miss Right! E Sussex. Box 437057 **TXT** P

I'M 35, 6ft, have a beautiful 3yr old little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and make a new life with... Box 896178 **TXT** P

LEE, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTM a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720 **TXT**

HONEST, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTM like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440 **TXT** P

I'M 38, 5ft11, average build, like pubs, restaurants, cinema, quiet nights in with chocs and DVDs, seeking kind, happy female with GSOH, for honest relationship. Box 442056 **TXT**

DOWN-TO-EARTH, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 **TXT** P

HI, I'm 40, down to earth, reliable, honest, like keeping fit, going out, meals out, watching movies, seeking similar lady for lasting love & happiness. Box 889945 **TXT**

OUTGOING young-minded male, 40, likes swimming, the gym, war games, books, cinema, castles, POI, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750 **TXT**

MUSCULAR male, 42, 5ft8, enjoys many interests, looking for that special lady 25-50, looks unimportant, to love & take care of. Sussex. Box 443460 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE guy, nice to be with, laid-back, I'm 41, 5ft9, medium/stocky build, brown hair. Own business/home, enjoy walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema. Box 430286 **TXT**

CONFIDENT male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single dad, own home, loves cooking, going out, sports, WLTM someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 411411 **TXT**

VERY easygoing, laid-back male, 43, 5ft9, slim, hard-working, likes honesty, socialising, eating out, evenings in, seeking loving, caring, honest, sincere female for love. Box 443719 **TXT**

43YR old lad, 5ft8, medium build, average looks, GSOH, seeks lass, 30-40, to share some good times with. Eastbourne. Box 443403 **TXT** P

OLD romantic, loyal, honest, 43, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, likes most things, WLTM female to settle down with and find love. Box 443410 **TXT** P

CARING, understanding, not bad-looking, romantic male, 42, grey-silver hair, stocky, enjoys cooking, quiet nights in, seeks female, for romance, possible more. Box 157789 **TXT**

INTELLIGENT male, 43, 5'9", GSOH, home/car, slim, enjoys meals out, travel, good wine, socialising, seeks sincere, attractive female, 28-40s, for initial friendship, fun, hopefully more. Brighton. Box 437707 **TXT** P

PROUD dad, 44, 5ft8, blue eyes, brown hair, slim, likes the gym, golf, mountain biking, WLTM shorter lady with nice personality, GSOH, for potential love. Box 443688 **TXT**

CARING male, 43, separated, seeks female for friendship, company, likes socialising and generally enjoying life, theatre, cinema, WLTM female for potential LT interest! Box 898705 **TXT**

WARM, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967 **TXT**

I'M Tom, 44, blue-eyed, slim, 5ft5, a single dad of 1 from Eastbourne, I like swimming, motorbikes, clubs, having fun, and I'm looking for love! Box 394758 **TXT**

ACTIVE, adventurous, articulate male, 43, home/car, likes shopping, good food, country walks, music, most things, seeks homely, warm, trusting female. Box 408508 **TXT**

FRIENDLY male, 45, seeking sweet female 18-40, N/S, for friendship and more. Box 338099 **TXT**

GENUINE, caring male, 43, 6ft, N/S, own home/car, varied interest. WLTM caring female, 37-45, for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 372087 **TXT** P

ACTIVE male, 45, 6'2", medium build, blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys most things in life, especially travelling and adventures. Seeking female for company... Box 920903 **TXT** P

YOUNG-AT-HEART 44yr old male, blond hair, blue eyes, easygoing nature, likes eating out, music, cinema etc, WLTM adventurous, witty, fit female for possible LTR. Box 432940 **TXT**

44-YEAR-OLD man, interests include socialising, days out, keeping fit, days out, seeking a caring, honest female, to share fun times. Box 433992 **TXT**

OUTGOING male, 47, very young-minded, enjoys sports, football, playing golf, loves nice wine, meals; seeking smart, elegant, easygoing lady for love & happiness! Box 439354 **TXT**

DAD of 2, 46, very romantic and full of life, enjoy wining/dining, looking for that special someone to share my life. Box 902417 **TXT**

KIND, considerate, caring, honest guy, 47, 6ft, hazel eyes, brown hair, medium build, like football, swimming, reading, driving, seeking caring female to share life with! Box 892531 **TXT** P

BLOND, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421664 **TXT**

6FT builder, 48, single dad, looking for fun friendship and relationship. if you like what you hear then let me know. Box 909511 **TXT**

LOVELY male, 48, N/S, OHAC, loves the countryside, coasts, boot fairs, and walks, WLTM kind-hearted, cuddly female for friendship or long term relationship. Brighton. Box 442625 **TXT**

GENUINE and intelligent male, 49, young-looking, 5ft6, brown hair, own teeth! into astrology & birth charts, seeking spiritually-minded woman for deep conversations and lasting, special companionship/relationship. Box 441136 **TXT**

BUSY businessman, 50, medium build, enjoys cooking and eating out, WLTM a female, 40-49, to wine, dine and entertain. Box 443282 **TXT**

50YR old man, looking for black lady, 30-60. I like eating in and out, walks, music, cinema, having a laugh. Like what you read? Box 439057 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE, slim male, 51, 5ft7, enjoys reading books, poetry, art galleries, keeping fit and Asian food, WLTM slim, interesting conversationalists for an active life together. Box 440620 **TXT**

GENTLEMAN, 51, no ties, 6ft, medium build, blue eyes, good-looking, genuine, caring, honest, WLTM similar female for fun, going out, nights in and maybe more. Box 443713 **TXT**

FUN-LOVING male, 52, likes going out, playing golf, motor cycles, socialising, visiting new places, WLTM an interesting female. Box 427713 **TXT**

I'M Gordon, 56, a Scorpio, 1 daughter, 5ft8, slim, dark hair, dark eyes, a smoker, occasional drinker, love music & soaps, animals, seeking similar female. Box 440178 **TXT**

SEPARATED Richard Gere look-alike, 56, enjoys cinema, dining out, walks and music. WLTM female for good conversation/companionship. Box 441671 **TXT**

WEST Country origin male, 57, very honest, self-employed, loves romantic films, music, drinks, socialising, seeking similar female for possible relationship. Box 443766 **TXT**

GOOD-NATURED male, 55, 5'5", average build/looks, likes coastal/country walks, current affairs, usual interests, WLTM similar female. Dover. Box 161359 **TXT**

RETIRED professional, 57, well built, fair hair, blue eyes, open-minded, GSOH, likes countryside/seaside, travel, eating, horse racing, seeking a kind, open-minded, generous lady. Box 432759 **TXT**

RECENTLY single male, 59, own house and business, looking for lady, 30-60, with GSOH, interested in walking and good times, for companionship. Box 443722 **TXT**

TED, 59, 5ft5, brown hair, likes karaoke, eating out, walking, cooking, seeks tactile, honest woman for friendship and more. Box 434667 **TXT**

Men for men

35YR old male, looking for fun with an attractive man. I'm good looking, with a slim/medium build. Box 437652 **TXT**

EASYGOING and laid-back male, 44yr old, medium build, 5ft9, WLTM a similar male for friendship and hopefully romance. Brighton. Box 442143 **TXT**

GARDENER, 51yr old, good looking, enjoys cooking, cinema, gardening and the outdoors, WLTM a nice, caring and sensitive guy, 35-55, for friendship, maybe more. Box 442569 **TXT**

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Tribute to bishop who everyone looked up to

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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A MEMORIAL stone is to be dedicated at Rochester Cathedral in memory of the town's long-serving former bishop, David Say.

Mr Say held the position for 27 years from 1961, and was also a member of the House of Lords until his retirement in 1988.

The dedication of his memorial stone will follow a Choral Evensong service at the cathedral, at 3.15pm on Saturday, September 20.

Among those attending will be Mr Say's son William, 56, who said his family was "greatly honoured" by the gesture.

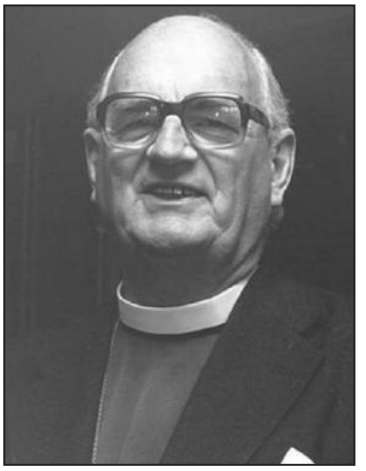
He added: "There hasn't been another memorial there for the best part of 50 years, and I'm sure my father would have been very pleased and honoured too.

"He cared very much for the people and clergy he was responsible for, and I'm sure the inscription on the stone is something he would have felt would be useful for the people to read.

"It says 'alleluia, on we go', which was his catchphrase, as such. It's a religious phrase, but it's meant to encourage people.

"It means don't be overwhelmed by the problems of today, and always look out for hope."

The future Bishop of Rochester was ordained as a deacon on December 22, 1939, and became a priest just 10 days later on New Year's Day, 1940.



DEDICATION: Former bishop, David Say

He gradually worked his way through the ranks before being made a bishop at the relatively young age of 47, and was one of the last to be allowed to continue past his 70th birthday.

For some years the keen Kent County Cricket Club supporter deputised for the Archbishop of Canterbury as chairman of the board of governors of the Church Commissioners, and also spoke in favour of church marriages for divorcees and of an Anglican-Methodist reunion in the General Synod.

He even took up the position of High Almoner to the Queen, which he kept for 18 years.

Following his death aged 91 in September, 2006, Mr Say's ashes were spread at Canterbury Cathedral along with those of his wife Irene, who had died three years earlier.

Mr Say's son said: "Physically, at 6ft 4in, my father was an impressive man and he looked the part.

"He was very much someone to look up to, in more ways than one, and was a very proficient Christian and leader. He was a man of action.

"He was also a very modest man but was never afraid to speak his mind, and he was held in great respect and affection by a great many people.

"My father gave his life to the Church and its people, and he loved Kent."

Mr Say said four candles would be laid on each corner of his father's memorial stone, to symbolise family, the diocese, public life, and friendship and recreation.

• ***Anyone interested in attending the memorial dedication should call Kay McDowell on 01634 810062 or email precentorsec@rochestercathedral.org.***

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WITNESSES to a punch up between a man and a lorry driver have been asked to come forward.

Officers want to talk to anyone who saw the incident outside the Co-op in High Street, Snodland, on Friday, September 4.

Around 8.30am an altercation over parking between a lorry driver and a man, resulted in an assault on the lorry driver – leaving him with minor injuries.

A man was arrested in connection with the incident and was given police bail while further inquiries are made.

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Fairey magic restored

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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A RARE bomber that fought in World War Two has been lovingly restored by skilled members of the Medway Aircraft Preservation Society (MAPS).

Hundreds of Fairey Battle monoplanes were shot down by German fighters during the conflict, and today just three remain.

One belongs to the RAF Museum London, but has not been seen there since it was sent for refurbishment at MAPS' Rochester Airport home almost three years ago.

More than 25,000 man hours have since been put into restoring the bomber, and it will finally return to the museum on Monday, October 20.

MAPS spokesman Robin Brooks said the Fairey Battle fleet was introduced in 1937 but suffered "grievous casualties" that saw it removed from service before the end of the war.

He added: "It was under-armed and under-powered, as it only had one engine. It had to carry quite a lot of weight and it struggled.

Corroded

"The Germans found it easy to shoot them down and unfortunately they went down in their hundreds. After Dunkirk it was mainly used for training purposes.

"The Fairey Battle we have was in quite bad condition when we received it. It was badly corroded and needed a complete refurb, which is what we have now done."

Friday the 13th was certainly an unlucky day for Flight Officer Willy Wilcox, who was flying the Fairey Battle L5343 in September, 1940, when poor weather and engine failure forced him to make an emergency landing.

He survived despite crashing the bomber into boulders on the coast of Iceland, and two days later an RAF team burned the craft after removing all salvageable materials.

The aircraft's shell remained in the same spot for the next 31 years until an expedition was mounted from RAF Leeming to recover it.

It was then restored using parts from other Fairey Battles and eventually unveiled at the RAF Museum London by F/O Wilcox in 1990.

Richard Simpson, keeper of aircraft and exhibits, said: "The aircraft originally belonged to the regional collection at RAF St Athan, when the Ministry of Defence made the decision to close it.

"This left them with only six months to finish work on it and transport it to the RAF Museum.

"They did the best job in the available time, although certain processes required more than six months to be completed.

"For example, there was not enough time to straighten the propeller. This is one of the main operations conducted by MAPS.

"We have had a long and fruitful relationship with MAPS and were confident they had the skills, ability and resources to get the job done."

Mr Brooks said many of the men who worked on the Fairey Battle were employees of the former Short Brothers factory in Rochester, and that he helped out with painting and other odd jobs.

He added: "It's important to preserve old aircraft for heritage purposes.

"The younger generation would not know what their fathers and grandfathers had flown in if we did not have them around.

"Britain doesn't really have an aviation industry any more so it's nice to keep the aeroplanes around, even if they are mostly in museums."

TRANSFORMATION: The plane has taken three years to restore, and (top) in its WWII heyday

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ELHAM Farmers' Market has been declared "the best market locally" by shoppers and will now become a permanent fixture in the Shepway village's calendar.

Customers who took part in market research gave a thumbs up to the market held on the second and fourth Sunday each month on the Triangle opposite Elham Primary School.

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Spitfire flypast in honour of The Few

A SPITFIRE will soar through the skies of Kent as part of an eight-minute display to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

The fighter aircraft, named the Spirit of Kent, will circle above the Kent Battle of Britain Museum, Hawkinge, at about 3pm on Sunday, September 14.

Built at the Supermarine Works in Castle Bromwich, near Birmingham, this particular Spitfire started its career with the Royal Air Force in December, 1944.

It flew with 183 (Gold Coast) Squadron and 234 (Madras Presidency) Squadron, and first took off from RAF Hawkinge in September, 1945.

The Battle of Britain is commemorated every year on September 15, which in 1940 saw the height of the conflict in the skies.

The Kent Battle of Britain Museum is open from 10am to 4pm, Tuesday to Sunday until September 30.

Profits of merchandise sales help keep the Spirit of Kent airborne.

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KENT ON SUNDAY

COMMENT

A force for good

TIPPED to be the next head of the Metropolitan Police, Kent Chief Constable Michael Fuller is one of the most respected men in his profession.

He has helped the county's force become one of the best performing in Britain and seems to be admired by his staff and the public alike.

In an interview with Kent on Sunday, he sheds light on the enormous amount of red tape his officers have to deal with.

He also reveals how much time has been wasted preparing for three separate external inspections this year alone.

Exactly why is a question even Mr Fuller does not know the answer to – and it continues to irritate him.

Never one to rest on his laurels, Mr Fuller has vowed to free up his officers' time by installing "mobile data terminals" in all police vehicles.

The laptop machines give officers access to all the information they would usually receive at the station.

Mr Fuller is confident these advances well help reduce crime in Kent, as the officers will spend less time at their desks.

Regardless of whether the number of offences drops or not, surely it would be better if the inspectors let forces like Kent's get on with the job at hand – catching criminals.

Sir Cliff tells all

BBC Radio Kent listeners are in for a treat today with the airing of the first of a series of interviews with Sir Cliff Richard.

The interviews, conducted by Kent resident Gloria Hunniford, unearth a variety of stories from the pop legend's past including how he was due to marry BBC presenter and former tennis star Sue Barker.

OPINION: Saws is a sore point

We need overseas workers to help gather in the Garden of England's harvest, argues KCC leader, Cllr PAUL CARTER

DID you know the strawberries served up at Wimbledon (forgive the pun) are from Kent? And that it is Kentish fruit in Mr Kipling's apple pies?

These and other illustrious links could be at risk because of the continuous pressure faced by our farming industry and a change in government rules affecting seasonal workers from overseas.

Many farms rely on overseas workers to bring in the harvest. We are not talking about people who want to come and settle here permanently, but short-term workers, mainly students, who need earnings to pay for their studies back home.

I have had farmers contacting me about a Home Office decision to abandon the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme (Saws).

Saws started 20 years ago in response to the falling numbers of itinerant workers coming to Kent to pick crops. Under the scheme, licensed operators were able to employ workers on an approved list from non-EU countries, such as Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Moldova.

Last year, Saws was restricted to workers from Bulgaria and Romania, with a cap on the number set at 16,250. It was previously 25,000.

These two countries joined the EU last year and, as new accession countries, residents won't enjoy the same freedom to work here until they have been in the EU for seven years.

As Saws will be scrapped in 2010, this is leaving our farming community – particularly soft and top fruit growers – with real concerns about how they are going to get their fruit picked.

Robert Mitchell runs Foxbury Farm with his brother in Stone Street, Sevenoaks, and grows 4,000 tonnes of Bramley apples a year. They rely on 120 workers employed through Saws to bring in the hand-picked harvest between mid-August and mid-October.

Robert is also chairman of Concordia, a licensed operator for Saws, which provides workers for 400 farms countrywide.

The issue of immigration is hot in the news at the moment. For the second time this year, I find myself agreeing with Frank Field MP (the first time was over the abolition of the 10p tax rate) that we need to carefully control immigration so it works in the best interests of this country.

Robert tells me Saws operators target mainly agricultural students who rely on seasonal work overseas to pay for their studies.

This means they are not trying to get into this country to stay here. Saws does seem to be a highly organised and regulated system, which counts them in and counts them out, and has worked for many years.

I asked Robert why we can't just employ people from within the EU, indeed, from within the UK.

It appears the short-term, minimum-wage, back-breaking work is making it difficult to attract workers, especially as financial conditions in their own countries improve, and worsen here.

The benefits system is an added deterrent for UK residents. The length of time it takes to get back on benefits once the seasonal work has dried up is a big disincentive.

And seasonal work is not necessarily the career choice we want for our young people who need full-time, long-term careers.

Clearly there needs to be a wide-ranging debate about the need to reform the UK benefits system, but in the meantime there is evidence that some farmers are reducing the size of their crop in advance of the changes, or giving up their farms altogether.

Something needs to be done, and fast. Either Saws needs to remain or be replaced by something similar, or we need to make this work more attractive for UK residents by removing the disincentives.

Fruit picking is just the start of the chain. There are many other industries employing UK residents that rely on our local produce from catering, retail, packaging and marketing.

And it is not just the problems of finding willing workers which is causing concern. Our farming industry has to survive under a raft of European legislation and the spiralling cost of fuel and fertiliser is making farming less and less of an attractive option.

This is particularly concerning for the county of Kent. Farming is one of the biggest industries in the county, employing more than 15,000 people a year, with a direct contribution to Kent's economy of £600 million.

Farming covers two thirds of the land area of Kent. It is vital to the future success of the county and we must do everything we can to preserve it.

• ***Cllr Paul Carter is the Conservative leader of Kent County Council.***

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Withdraw your remarks

Of course Alan Haynes (Letters, last week) has the right to express his views, abhorrent though they may be to me and no doubt many others, but he really should get his facts straight first.

Our forces are in Afghanistan legally under UN mandate – or perhaps he considers the UN illegal.

Action to remove the Taliban regime unprovoked? Has he forgotten the attacks on New York or the fact that the murderous gang of fanatics styling themselves Al Qaeda were being actively sheltered and supported there while they plotted and trained for mass murder?

As for the outrageous suggestion that this country behaves remotely like the Nazis, I suggest he brushes up on his history.

It ill behoves him to insult those very people who are defending his right to express his opinions and I hope he will have the good grace to withdraw his remarks.

E Egan, Harrietsham

What price morality?

Alan Haynes' opposition to dishonourable wars instigated by the United States and Britain echo my views.

The US, UK and other European countries boost their pension funds from manufacturing and trading munitions.

Must we condone the cluster bombing that won battles in Iraq and Afghanistan, but not hearts and minds in occupied territories?

As in 1968, the US and the West are scared to confront Russian provocation and aggression. They mollify and pander to Putin for the sake of energy supplies. Modern warfare is as destructive and twisted as our bonus and target culture.

Pakistan reaped millions in rewards for collaborating with the US. Now that power has changed hands, are the bombings of civilians a sign of US displeasure and an effort to destabilise that country?

US and European efforts to work together fail through unresolved conflicts of interest.

The cliques and marriages of convenience carry on as if personal and national advantage is all that matters. Filthy lucre is the root of commercial and corporate crime.

Do wars for oil and strategic gain matter more than lives abroad and at home?

R Grootendorst, Sidcup

The flow of information

Before I respond to Steve Knight's report (August 27), may I say how much the extended space given to letters and comment by KOS Media is appreciated.

Community issues need discussion and information and you are providing it.

In the report, county councillor Keith Ferrin is quoted as being "very dissatisfied" with proposals by water companies for rate increases, and he comments on their "poor value". But the report doesn't disclose what, if anything, Cllr Ferrin can or will do about it.

It would be helpful if the Press would take a more detailed look at the accounts of the water companies and publish information with which we can judge if we are equally dissatisfied.

For instance: are their dividends excessive? A large slice of these goes to superannuation funds in Australia via the companies which have bought our water – such are the ways of international finance.

Should the sums raised for capital investment for what Cllr Ferrin describes as "vast growth in the population" be excluded from water rates and be raised from the market? Are the financial reserves of the companies too high?

The work of reconstructing old water mains (often laid in the 19th century as municipal works) is symptomatic of much of our ageing infrastructure.

This also needs decisions as to how repairs are to be paid for, including much of the road network as well as millions of houses identified in the Barker Housing Report as having to last at least 1,200 years at the present rate of replacement.

There are no easy answers and responses such as nationalisation spring to mind, mainly because so much of the water supply was initiated by municipal enterprise, but perhaps a better step would be a co-operative of all water users.

Leslie Turner, Maidstone

Afghan venture will fail

I wouldn't be surprised if Alan Haynes' letter gets a negative reaction from many readers, particularly his comment that the war was unprovoked. However, there are some points your readers might like to note. When the US started to bomb Afghanistan, President Bush told the Afghans the attacks would go on until they handed over 9/11 suspects, namely Osama bin Laden and his associates.

The Taliban requested evidence to support this demand, but the Bush administration refused to provide any because, we later learned, they didn't have any.

The FBI 'believed' the 9/11 plot was hatched in Afghanistan but was probably implemented from the Middle East and Europe. The US also flatly refused to consider offers of extradition.

So, as far as the population of Afghanistan is concerned, the US bombing was unprovoked. The proper (and legal) response to 9/11 should have been to mount a police-type operation to hunt down bin Laden and bring him to justice before an international court.

We are now told our troops are primarily in Afghanistan for our protection, that if they were not on the frontline, we in the West would be subjected to acts of terrorism.

Our troops are not there for the benefit of the Afghan people, notwithstanding that some beneficial work is being done. The project is therefore bound to fail, as sooner or later the Afghan people will want the troops out. We should bring our troops home before the Afghans rise up and force them out.

Jim Pragnell, Otford

It's a very harsh world

One can't fault Alan Haynes for putting an honest view, but isn't he being a bit harsh when he compares British troops in Afghanistan to the Nazis?

If nothing were done in Afghanistan and that unfortunate country was left to stew in chaos, what would be the result?

Mr Haynes brushes aside strategic interests as if they don't matter. If the Old Codgers are armchair warriors, is he any better as an armchair pontificator?

Was 9/11 carried out under his beloved Geneva Convention? We live in a harsh world and can't sit back and be blown to pieces.

Arthur Treme, Canterbury

To tell you the truth…

Denis Gentler is confused over what constitutes "the truth" (Letters, last week). The truth consists of provable facts, such as

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Ben and Zoe of Eythorne are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Samuel Joseph Anker, on 27th August 2008. A new brother for Evie.

BARNES-WARDEN
Richard and Veryan are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful Daughter Oriana Elizabeth born on the 28th August 2008 at Pembury Hospital.

BEDINGFIELD
Mark and Serena Bedingfield would like to announce the new arrival of their daughter Bethany Amanda, born 28/08/2008. A sister for Isabel and Max.

BLACKMER
Trinity Mary born 26th August 2008 to proud parents Julie and Damon and big sister Jade of Herne Bay.

BONUGLI
Donna and Mark of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their daughter Katelyn May Bonugli on 27th August 2008.

BRAY
Matt and Sharne are proud to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful son, Ben Blake Bray, on 29th August 2008, weighing 7lb 11oz.

BURN
Christopher and Lisa Burn of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their daughter Darcie Amelie Burn on 12th August 2008.

BUTLER
Jasmine Claire Daisy born on the 25th August 2008, weighing 7lb 11oz. Daughter of Jim and Heidi. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

COOPER
Julee and Stuart Cooper of Loose celebrate the birth of their son Taylor Samuel Cooper on 3rd September 2008.

FAWELL
Louise and Kevin Fawell of West Malling celebrate the birth of their daughter Caitlin Rose Fawell on 5th Spetember 2008.

FITZGERALD
Thay Kenneth born on 1st September 2008, weighing 7lb 9oz to Hyun-Suk and Stone Fitzgerald in Ramsgate.

FRENCH
David and Ruth of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Benjamin William, on 28th August 2008 weighing 7lb 10oz.

GOODAYLE
Ruby born on 1st September 2008, weighing 7lb 7oz. Daughter to Shane and Angela Goodayle in West Malling.

GROVER
Ashley Mark born on 26th August 2008, weighing 8lb 5oz, son to Sarah and Mark in Lydden. Our most beautiful and precious son.

HALLIDAY
John and Sarah are pleased to announce the birth of their son Harrison Jack Halliday born on 24th August 2008, weighing 9lb 15oz. A brother to John and Charlie.

HAMMOND
Sonny Hammond born on 20th August 2008 weighing 5lb 1oz to proud parents Keely and Ian

HILLS
Darcie May Hills born on 19th August 2008 to Ian and Amanda of Wouldham. Our beautiful little girl.

IRVING
Chris and Rachel Irving of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Joshua James Irving on 27th August 2008.

MILLS-DAVIDSON
Dylan joined Rob, Katie and Megan on July 29th 2008 at 6.48am weighing 7lb 13oz. They will all live happily ever after in Herne Bay!

MORLEY
Aaric Diolito born on 30th August 2008, weighing 6lb 7oz. Son to Glenn and Melanie Morley in Dover.

O'DONNELL
Adam and Hanna of Waltham are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Amelia Grace O'Donnell, on 30th August 2008. Amelia weighed 8lb 4oz.

POLLARD
Amanda and Phil of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their son, Liam Allan Pollard, on 26th August 2008. A new brother for Nathan, Abbie and Ethan.

PORTEOUS
David and Hayley Porteous of Margate celebrate the birth of their daughter Carys Deanna Porteous on 26th August 2008.

PURTON
Grace Louise born on 27th August 2008, weighing 8lb 7oz. Daughter to Caron and Richard in Ramsgate.

ROGAN
Grant and Amanda are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Tilly-May born on 27th August 2008 weighing 7lb 5oz. A baby sister for Liam, Kaiden, Brodie, Marshall and Neo. Thanks to all the staff at Darent Valley Hospital.

STAPLES
Mary and John Staples of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Harrison John David Staples on 22nd August 2008.

TAYLOR
Mark and Abigayle Taylor of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Frankie Alec Fitzharding on 19th August 2008.

THOMPSON
Phil and Lora celebrate the birth of their son Raif Irvine Thompson on 29th August 2008.

WELLER
Peter and Karen celebrate the birth of their daughter Jessica Mary - Anne Weller on 1st August 2008.

WETHERILL
Neil and Michelle would like to welcome Nancy Ellen Wetherill into the world. A lovely sister to Kiera and George.

DEATHS

ATKINSON
Martha Atkinson of Detling died peacefully on September 6th 2008. Funeral service at Vinters Park Crematorium at 2:45pm on September 16th.

EVANS
Tom Evans died suddenly and peacefully in his sleep at home on 2nd September 2008. His life was a blessing, his memory a treasure. He will be sadly missed by all. Funeral to be held at Vinters Park Crematorium on Monday 15th September 2008 at 2.45pm. Family flowers only, but donations if required to the Royal Air Force Association.

HILLIER
On 5th September 2008 John Hillier passed away peacefully at his home in Staple. A much loved husband, dad and Grandad. He will be very sadly missed by all who knew him. The funeral is to be held at Barham on 17th September at 10am. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Myeloma Uk c/o Dilnot Smith Funeral Directors, Beacon Lane, Woodnesborough.

HOWELL
Gareth Howell of Maidstone formerly of Croydon died peacefully on 1st September 2008. Funeral Service at Croydon Cremartorium at 12.45 on 17th September.

MILLS
Peter John Mills beloved husband of Janet Mills and father to Ryan, Michael and Shareen passed away peacefully at home on 1st September 2008. Enquiries to A W Court of Graft Green.

MOON
Myrtle Irene Moon of Faversham passed away peacefully on 8th September 2008. A much loved mum, granny and great gran. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. The funeral will be held at St Catherines Church, Preston, Faversham on 15th September at 10am.

RIDLEY
Bob passed away peacefully on 5th September 2008 aged 58 years at his home with family around him. A much loved husband, dad, brother and friend who will be greatly missed. Funeral enquiries to Horlocks Funeral Services Northfleet.

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those I wrote about Gordon Brown, which Helen Jerse took exception to.

The things Mr Brown and his Government do are not altered by my "opinion" or "point of view" – I don't have that power. They are facts – and the facts are all that I wrote. I am sorry if I offended people by reminding them of the stupidity of this Government.

Many people like to believe there are different types of truth, as they find the truth too limiting.

But I am sure if they were ever the subject of a false prosecution, it would concentrate their minds to the fact there can only be one truth.

Mr Gentler is of the opinion that I have a leaning towards a certain political party. The truth is, I have no time for any politician who sells this country or its people short.

He also believes me to be intolerant. Maybe if more people were 'intolerant' there wouldn't have been an invasion of Iraq, we wouldn't have surrendered our country to the EU, post offices wouldn't be closing, the elderly wouldn't be insulted with a 25p pension increase and dying people wouldn't be refused drugs.

For tolerant, should we read apathetic?

Phil Granger, West Malling

It's food for thought

I look forward to getting my copy of your newspaper each week and find the local news very comprehensive.

I enjoy reading all of the paper and its Review supplement. However, I do find the restaurant review to be a little out of touch with the economic climate.

We enjoy treating ourselves to a meal out now and then. However, we consider it a treat to go to Harvester, with discounts before 6pm, or Brewers Fair, offering two main meals for £9 Monday to Friday, and other restaurants with similar offers.

We would love to be able to spend £50-100 on a meal, but that is out of the question these days.

May I respectfully suggest that Glenn Pearson seeks out and reviews some of these less expensive premises and give everyone a chance to try eating out?

John Winfield, By Email

Bluetongue is still here

With reference to KOS Media's article on kentnews.co.uk about bluetongue (also see today's report on page 18).

Although farmers in Kent are to be congratulated on their uptake of the vaccine, I rather think expressions of relief are somewhat premature.

The outbreak in the South East last year didn't occur until late September and as it is now considered the virus can over-winter, it is highly likely it survives in wildlife and unvaccinated livestock.

I would also remind you that a first infection is often mild and can go unnoticed, especially in sheep. Although it is a reportable disease, there are diseases with similar symptoms, so not every farmer may have suspected bluetongue and reported it.

The disease known as BTV8 is still spreading in France and another serotype, BTV1, is also spreading north from southern Europe. For more information, see www.farmtalking.com/the_farm_bluetongue.html.

Jane Barribal, www.farmtalking.com

Not to be sneezed at

May I add my experience to your recent stories drawing attention to the need for improvements in the NHS in Kent?

My Folkestone GP gave me a referral for a hernia repair and I then received an appointments request form giving me a choice of four hospitals: Buckland at Dover, Kent and Canterbury, Folkestone's Royal Victoria, and the William Harvey at Ashford.

Choose just one, it said, ring or email them for an appointment, and be sure to have your reference number and password available. My password was 'sneeze staff' – keep it safe said the form.

I chose the Royal Victoria, since it was local and had a patient-rating of Very Good.

No appointments have been brought forward, they said, but never mind, if you don't hear from us within a month, give us another ring.

And they added that I would be receiving computer-generated reminders to make an appointment from Milton Keynes (their address is Sunrise Parkway), which I should ignore.

A month later, when I rang the Royal Victoria, there were still no appointments and I was given a number which (after four transfers) turned out to be the patients' service centre at Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

Each extension demanded my date of birth and postcode, and disappointingly showed no interest in the password sneeze staff, which I had taken such pains to keep safe.

There was a wait of up to nine weeks, they told me, before I could see a consultant who would then put me in the 16-week queue for the operation.

Only after I insisted was I finally given a take-it-leave-it appointment to see a consultant at the William Harvey.

My reminder that I had expressed a preference for the Royal Victoria was treated with contempt.

"There aren't any other appointments available," I was told, with the implication that I was lucky to get an appointment anywhere in only seven weeks.

Meanwhile, the Milton Keynes computer continued to send me reminders with an appointments phone line.

When you ring, a recording tells you about their high volume of calls, and urges you to try the internet.

But if you hang on long enough, through a few more robotic messages and hackneyed classical music, you get a ringing tone answered by a clerk who is quite obviously not very busy at all.

It is important to add that once one gets to the hospital one is treated with the utmost courtesy and efficiency.

But until we can get rid of all these people with computers that often don't work, messing about with appointments and issuing documents offering choices that don't actually exist, we will never match the queueless health services in France and Germany.

How many people are there, I wonder, at Sunrise Parkway in Milton Keynes, issuing reminder letters which our local hospitals warn us are on their way but which we should ignore?

I suspect polyclinics might be the first step towards reforms that will be of little benefit to me: date of birth May 12, 1915; password: sneeze staff.

Name and address supplied

Bob is a role model

I am starting to feel a bit paranoid. What is it exactly that Kent County Council has against the people of Aldington?

The mishandling of the lorry park proposal was bad enough, but then to take away our fully functioning, respected community warden without any apparent justification – apart from doing a great job.

Bob Hughes has made a career out of serving the public. What an excellent role model for his managers at KCC.

Bring back Bob!

Paul Fotheringham, Aldington

Let's cheer up our boys

The letter from the Old Codgers regarding sending parcels to our lads in Afghanistan must have struck a chord with many – it certainly did with me.

In spite of the rather sad, misguided response from Alan Haynes last week, I am sure many of us will send a parcel to cheer up our boys.

Could I ask you to reprint the address and give some indication of the items they would like to receive? Also perhaps a list of things they don't want. I am sure with the weight of KOS Media behind us, we can get a good flow of parcels to our lads.

L C Smetzer, Ashford

• Parcels for Kent-based soldiers in Afghanistan should be no more than 2kg in weight and can be sent for the attention of the Quarter Master, 5 Scots, Camp Bastion, OP Herrick 8, BFPO 792.
For more details about the forces' postal service, visit www.bfpo.mod.co.uk.

They're football crazy

We have received a Canterbury council referendum asking if we are in favour of a proposed 'football hub' (presumably they mean pitches, why can't they talk English?).

The form asks if the respondent is white, black, mixed race, mixed gender and other very personal and irrelevant questions.

Have councils gone mad? Would they like to know my collar and shoe sizes, or whether I clean my teeth morning and night?

Would someone explain? What has this got to do with football?

Frank Brink, Canterbury

Lions will roar back

Last weekend saw the cancellation of Sevenoaks Lions Club's horse and craft show due to the wet weather. It was not safe to go ahead due to the state of the fields.

I have attended this event with my family over many years as it is a great show.

The Lions are going to suffer a huge financial loss, but it will be the community which suffers in the long run as the club will not have the funds to spend on the needy.

Let's hope they will be able to recover some of their losses and put on another fantastic show next year.

B Naylor, West Malling

Birds in the firing line

Monday, September 22, marks the start of Animal Aid's first National Anti-Shooting Week.

Every year in Britain, about 40 million pheasants and partridges are mass-produced like commercial poultry so they can be shot down.

This bloody and brutal end to their lives is the final insult. From birth, they are kept in cages, sheds and pens, in which disease and death are a daily feature.

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In an effort to eliminate the stress-related aggression between the birds, they are fitted with an array of devices that restrict their vision and prevent them from pecking their cage-mates.

Because of the enfeeblement that results from being intensively reared, many birds die before they can be gunned down. They perish from exposure, starvation, disease or predation or under the wheels of motor vehicles.

Many shot birds are not eaten. Even pro-shooting magazines have reported that some are buried in specially dug holes.

Killing animals for fun has no place in a civilised society. For a free anti-shooting action pack, contact Animal Aid on 01732 364546 or go to www.animalaid.org.uk.

R Collins, Canterbury

Green guilt trip is going nowhere

Putting the blame and guilt on individuals for using their cars is what I expect from the Tories and Lib Dems mentioned in your story on Maidstone Goes Green Week (KOS Media last week).

Encouraging people to travel to work without using their car is a worthy goal, but Kent County Council has repeatedly failed to invest in alternatives to car-based travel.

The implementation of the traffic management system in Maidstone has coincided with a doubling of road fatalities, the bus services in Maidstone are infrequent enough to be non-existent and the tiny number of cycle lanes simply don't work.

How can people be expected to 'do the right thing' during Maidstone Goes Green Week, when KCC refuses to invest in the changes needed to support people?

Individual changes are vitally important to tackling climate change and the rising cost of living, but local and national government must ensure policies and infrastructure are in place to make these changes possible.

Stuart Jeffery, Green Party prospective parliamentary candidate for Maidstone and the Weald

Join rally to help end child poverty

A quarter of all children in south east England are living below the poverty line.

This can be changed.

That is one of the reasons I am backing the Campaign to End Child Poverty, because no child should miss out on a good start in life simply for being poor.

It seems unbelievable that the UK has one of the highest rates of child poverty in Europe, despite being the fifth richest nation.

I will be at the largest-ever rally against child poverty, in Trafalgar Square on October 4, because I believe we can show the Government we are no longer prepared to tolerate children failing in school or being put at risk of dying from poor health because of their social circumstances.

The Government made a bold promise to halve child poverty by 2010 and with less than two years to go, without bold action, this will not be a reality.

The End Child Poverty – Keep the Promise event will see charities, including the NSPCC and Barnardo's, unite with thousands of families to show their desire to see an end to child poverty.

Now is a crucial time to show your support. One in three children in Britain is living in poverty. We have to change this.

I have signed an online pledge, which will be sent to the Prime Minister telling him that child poverty is not acceptable, and I urge you to do the same.

This small action will make a big impact.

Even better, join me and thousands of others at the End Child Poverty rally and together we can show Gordon Brown we mean business. For more information, visit www.endchildpoverty.org.uk.

Chris Parker, TV presenter and NSPCC and Barnardo's supporter

Beat cancer with breakfast boost

I am writing to let KOS Media readers know that while some studies suggest up to a quarter of us do not eat breakfast at all, it is a very important meal.

As well as improving our well-being, it is also a chance to get fruit and vegetables into our diets.

Research has shown that eating plenty of fruit and vegetables reduces cancer risk. This is why the World Cancer Research Fund recommends eating at least five portions a day.

With this in mind, we have published Breakfast Boosts, which gives ideas for dishes to start the day that are healthy and tasty.

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Lisa Cooney, Head of Education, World Cancer Research Fund

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Cops and caterers up for training gong

KENT Police and a catering company are among the organisations from the county shortlisted in this year's South East finals of the National Training Awards.

The prestigious awards celebrate the positive effects of investing in high-quality training for employees.

Brakes Food Services Solutions in Ashford and the Kent Police Communication Centre in Maidstone are the county's two entries for the awards that will be given out at a ceremony in October.

They will be battling it out with 22 other finalists for the honour.

Kathryn Cook, chairwoman of the South East judging panel, said: "This year there has been a 15 per cent increase in entries for the awards in the region. I congratulate all the finalists who have made this year's shortlist."

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All hands on deck for a career at sea

By **MICHAEL SIMS**
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STUDENTS from across Kent will have the chance to take part in hands-on activities demonstrating career opportunities in the marine sector next month.

Thousands of young people from Kent schools and colleges are expected to meet employers and training providers at the Kent Marine Festival 2008.

The event is being held at the historic Cruise Terminal Two, Western Docks, Dover Harbour.

It aims to inspire students to explore a career in the diverse marine sector, and will offer advice about routes into the marine, engineering, hospitality and manufacturing industries.

The festival will take place on Friday, October 17. It is by invitation only from 9am-3pm, and opens to the general public free of charge from 5-7.30pm.

Event organisers will be showcasing the marine sector through a variety of activities and attractions.

These include tours of ships, talks with crews, navigation challenges, practical engineering sessions, and a talk outlining the importance of coastguards.

Exhibiters are likely to include shipping companies, marine recruiting agencies, the Royal Navy, universities and maritime training centres. Many of these will be actively looking for new students, employees and cadets.

Anne McNulty, executive director of organiser EBP Kent, said: "We are so grateful to the marine sector and the dedicated Dover Partnership working collaboratively to make a difference to the young people of this county.

"The maritime industry leads to such exciting diverse areas of employment for young people, it is very important they have the chance to fully understand the potential locally, regionally and in the global market."

The one-day festival is part of the 'Sea Vision UK' scheme that aims to promote Britain's maritime future by encouraging young people to consider careers in the Merchant Navy.

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Price is right for campus

A NEW campus director has been appointed for the University Centre in Folkestone.

Chris Price, who lives in Canterbury, will replace Tim Barry who oversaw the launch of the campus last September.

Canterbury Christ Church University and the University of Greenwich both offer a range of vocational higher education programmes at the campus.

Mr Price said his ambition was for the centre to become recognised nationally and locally as a centre for academic learning, research and innovation in the creative industries.

The 53-year-old, who is also the programme director of the centre's performing arts programme, said: "This is the most exciting and the challenging role that I've undertaken.

"The centre has demanding student number targets to meet over the next four years, but we have the opportunity to forge a distinctive identity and I am delighted to be working with such a remarkable group of people.

"My aim is to meet the needs of the region, by raising awareness among community organisations, employers and educational institutions across the area. They are our primary partners in sustaining it for generations to come."

The Durham university graduate came to Canterbury to sing as a lay clerk in the cathedral's choir, a post he still holds 30 years on.

Mr Price will continue his role as programme director for the performing arts degree.

Young master

A SCHOOLGIRL from Kent is thought to be the youngest student ever preparing to study for a Masters degree.

Christiana Imafidon, 16, who goes to Dartford Girls' School, has had offers from a number of top UK universities to do the post-graduate course in maths but has not decided which one to pick. Excellence in Education is a non-profit making independent organisation that helps talented pupils from inner-cities and socially disadvantaged backgrounds.

A spokeswoman said Christiana has even been offered consultant roles at leading City banks and is currently considering her options.

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If it's time for you to enjoy the rewards you deserve please write enclosing your CV, quoting reference SVS243/KOS, to Kerry Harrison, HR Officer, Saga Group Limited, The Saga Building, Enbrook Park, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3SE or e-mail: human.resources@saga.co.uk Alternatively, please call 01303 774888 for an application form or download one from our website.

Closing date: 26 September 2008.

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Interested? Then write enclosing your CV and current remuneration details to Jo Mills, HR Officer, Saga Group Limited, The Saga Building, Enbrook Park, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3SE or e-mail: human.resources@saga.co.uk Please quote reference number SH246 for the Product Accountant role and SH246T for the temporary opportunites.

Closing date: 3 October 2008.

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Thanet Children's Participation Project

Hythe and Ashford Saturday Club

Thanet Children's Participation Project works with children and young people to enable them to engage in positive activities, contributing to their communities and making their voices and opinions heard.

Having successfully established activity clubs for children with disabilities in both Hythe and Ashford, we are now seeking to appoint an additional number of fun-loving, creative, caring and approachable Support Workers for our Saturday Clubs. As a sessional worker your focus will be to provide support and positive play and leisure experiences for children and young people with disabilities, in a scheme that will run on two Saturdays per month in each area.

You will need to have some previous experience of working with children and young people with disabilities, a sound knowledge and understanding of the issues facing disabled children and young people, and the ability to engage with children using participative methods in an informal setting. You will be educated to GCSE standard (or equivalent). Reliability and punctuality are a critical element of this role.

Hours for these posts will be variable, though as an indication for candidates sessions usually run for five-six hours per Saturday. There may be a possibility for staff to work additional hours at either scheme during school holidays; however this aspect cannot be guaranteed. All appointments are subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure.

For an informal discussion about the role please contact the project team by telephone on **01843 596659**.

As well as a strong commitment to your development, we offer generous holidays, contributory stakeholder pension, childcare vouchers and flexible working.

To apply, please visit **www.playyourpart.co.uk** in the first instance, or call us on 0121 362 8633 quoting reference number S01266/KS. Applications must be received by Thursday 18 September, and interviews will take place on 26 September.

Charity Registration No. 221124

Sessional Support Workers

£7.69 to £9.95 per hour (pay award pending) Temporary contract to March 2009

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Duties will include personal care and day-to-day assistance and support of residents.

A competitive salary, promotion prospects, accredited specialist training, together with NVQ opportunities, is our commitment to you.

Previous experience and qualifications are an advantage, but are not essential. Starting salary £6.24-£6.86 p.h

Part-time and full-time hours are available. Also part-time Nights.

To request an application form and information please call Nana or Paul on 01227 742992 weekdays between 10am and 4pm

HMT Care

Tel No: 01227 742992 Fax No. 01227 743265

Cedar House, Barham, Nr. Canterbury

Cedar House is a 44-bed hospital offering secure services to people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour.

SUPPORT WORKERS

From £8.07 per hour – average 37.5 hours per week on shift basis (incorporating weekends & nights)

You will provide the highest standard of care for each patient assisting them in ensuring their daily needs are met. You will be actively involved in encouraging and supporting patients with daily activities, educational programmes, behavioural support programmes and leisure activities.

Ideally, candidates will possess an NVQ Level 2 (Health & Social Care) qualification or equivalent along with previous experience working in a similar role, or within a healthcare/learning disabilities environment. However we are also keen to hear from any candidates who feel that through life experience, can offer excellent care and support to our patients.

In return we offer a variety of benefits including competitive hourly rates, Pension, full induction programme, training and development opportunities and Life Assurance.

If you wish to be considered for this role, please contact our Reception on (01227) 833700 to request an application form or alternatively you can download an application form from our website www.careprinciples.com

Please quote reference number CEDAR/SW/A08.

Closing date: 28th September 2008.

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We are a unique family business selling fantastic ready meals and puddings in our own shops throughout the South East of England, our national online delivery service and through our wholesale business selling to farm shops and independent food producers and we're growing fast.

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Permanent and Temporary positions available.

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£7.18 during probation then £8.42 per hour
All our dishes are prepared to the highest quality following our tried and tested recipes. We are looking for a chef who has either got their NVQ in cooking or has experience of working in a fast paced catering environment.

Prep Chefs
£6.48 during probation then £7.18 per hour
We are looking for someone who has good knife skills to cut and prepare all the meat and vegetables to the specification that is required. Ideally you will have an NVQ in cooking with previous experience working in a fast paced catering environment.

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£6.48 during probation then £7.18 per hour
We are looking for someone who knows a thing or two about working with pastry both savoury and sweet. In a day you could be making 80 quiches, 100 pies or 600 portions of chocolate sponge. You will need previous experience of either pastry or bakery and ideally have an NVQ.

Finishing Assistants
2pm to 10 pm shift
£6.22 during probation then £6.48 per hour
Our Finishing Assistants have the extremely important job of making sure that every dish we make leaves the Kitchen looking perfect. They are responsible for dishing up the food, weighing the contents and then sealing, labeling and boxing the finished dishes. You will need to be numerate, reliable and possess great team skills, with the ability to work quickly in demanding conditions. Kitchen/food experience is an advantage but is not essential.

Please send your CV to Sarah or Jodie in Personnel at COOK, Eurolink Way, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HH. If you need further information please call 01795 471700.

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Closing date: **Friday 26th September 2008**

Further details are available from:
Miss S Spratley, Pent Valley Technology College, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4ED
Tel: 01303 277161 ext 2218/Fax 01303 279342
Email: samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk

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CEDAR HOUSE, BARHAM, KENT

Cedar House is a 44-bed hospital offering secure services to people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour.

Do you want to work in a meaningful and challenging role in a stimulating environment? We currently have several exciting opportunities to join our friendly team in the following departments:-

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SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER
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The post holder will provide a comprehensive social work service to the patient group, including pre-admission assessments, treatment plans, discharge arrangements, social work reports and attending internal and external meetings as appropriate. You will actively promote and enhance social work practices to the highest standard and provide social work advice based on sound evidence and best practice to members of the multi-disciplinary and senior management team.

You will lead the Social Work department in developing a strategic plan for the progression of the social work service within the unit, providing visible social work leadership and input.

You must have comprehensive experience of working in a social work role within a learning disability/mental health setting together with previous supervisory experience. You will have an in-depth understanding of the Mental Health Act 1983, Care Standards Act 2000, relevant legislation and best practice and be able to work according to these requirements. Relevant qualifications and valid registration with the General Social Care Council (GSCC) are required for this role.

NEWLY QUALIFIED SOCIAL WORKER – PART TIME POST
£25,577 pa (pro-rata for part time)

You will support in providing a comprehensive social work service to patients, including treatment plans, discharge and transfer arrangements, social work reports, liaising with families/relatives regarding patient progress and facilitating home visits where appropriate.

You will support the Senior Social Worker in delivering a high calibre, visible social work service to the unit.

You will possess a Diploma in Social Work or recognised equivalent and must be registered or eligible to register as a Qualified Social Worker with the General Social Care Council (GSCC). You will possess previous experience working within a healthcare/learning disability environment and will have comprehensive understanding of the Mental Health Act 1983, Care Standards Act 2000 and other relevant legislation and be able to work according to these requirements.

ADMINISTRATION

ROTA & KPI CO-ORDINATOR
£17,010 pa – 37.5 hours per week

You will have overall responsibility for the management of 4 weekly rosters and co-ordinating the resourcing requirements of the nursing and care department, including allocating overtime, agency and bank shifts to staff. You will manage the Time Attendance Rostering System (TARS), ensuring accurate information is inputted, and the collation and production of accurate unit operational KPIs.

You will possess previous experience of rostering (both creation and management) and experience in dealing with and analysing statistical and financial information. You will have excellent communication and IT skills, be able to work independently and as a part of a team and be able to work to deadlines in a pressurised environment.

EDUCATION, REHABILITATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TUTORS – COMMUNICATION, DAILY LIVING SKILLS & SPORTS/FITNESS
£17,010 pa – 37.5 hours per week (3 posts)

You will assess patient skills in your identified activity area, plan activities according to individual needs, produce individual learning plans and facilitate learner involvement setting positive, achievable targets in line with service guidelines. You will maintain daily records and submit detailed written reports on patient progress for reviews and assessment meetings.

You will have previous experience of planning, delivering and evaluating activities and supporting adults within your identified activity area in a healthcare/learning disability environment. You will possess highly developed organisational skills, be able to manage own workload accordingly and possess a full UK Driving Licence and be willing to drive Company vehicles. An initial teaching qualification (C&G, 7303 PTLLS or equivalent) and activity area related qualification is desirable.

TEACHER – BASIC SKILLS
£21,805 pa – 37.5 hours per week

You will design and deliver individually tailored educational programmes to meet patient needs, carry out assessments, produce individual learning plans and, mentor and develop members of the Education, Rehabilitation and Skills Development Department. You will facilitate learner involvement, oversee the regular review of patient goals and take a lead role in an agreed area of development/responsibility.

You will hold a teaching qualification (Cert.Ed., B.Ed, PGCW or recognised equivalent), possess comprehensive experience of planning and delivering educational sessions and have previous supervisory experience. You will be able to effectively organise and manage your own workload, be an excellent communicator and be able to develop and maintain positive working relationships with patients, colleagues and external agencies.

PATIENT ACTIVITY TIMETABLE CO-ORDINATOR
£9,808 pa – 22.5 hours per week (to be worked across 5 days)

You will be responsible for producing weekly timetables, to include activity sessions, staff allocation and resource availability. You will produce accessible information for patients relating to individual activities and provide administrative support to the Department, including producing Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

You will possess highly developed organisational and communication skills, and have a working knowledge of MS Office Suite. You should have experience of preparing materials to tight deadlines with a high standard of accuracy and presentation and the ability to manage time effectively, work methodically and maintain positive relationships with patients and colleagues.

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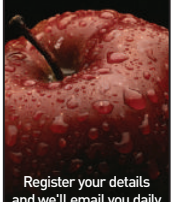

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K·C·A Services in the Community

REF: 516 - YOUNG PERSONS' DRUG AND ALCOHOL WORKER (EARLY INTERVENTION/TIER 2) - MEDWAY
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You need to have good substance misuse knowledge, excellent communication and engagement skills, casework skills, and the ability to be creative and innovative. Proven experience of working effectively with young drug and alcohol users is a prerequisite.

For application forms and further information, contact:
KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT.
Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351,
Email recruitment@kca.org.uk , www.kca.org.uk.
Closing date: Monday 29th September 2008
Interview date: Friday 10thOctober 2008

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Headteacher: Mrs. P. Parnell, St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School, St. John's Road, Hythe, Kent, CT21 4BE. Tel: 266578
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CV to: **Pauline Sothcott**
CERIUM GROUP LTD
Cerium Technology Pk
Appledore Road Tenterden TN30 7DE
pauline@ceriumoptical.com

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Senior Technician in Electrical Engineering

Reference P0631
Salary £16,199 - £20,997

The successful candidate will carry out technician duties, assist tutors and learners in all practical aspects of electrical engineering and co-ordinate work across the department.
You will possess a suitable higher level qualification in electrical engineering and have proven experience in a relevant electrical field.
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Reference P0549

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Technician in Music

Reference P0226

(18.5 hours per week)
Salary £15,057 - £18,534 pro rata
We are looking to appoint a Technician to provide support for staff and students with day to day music activities. The candidate will be able to demonstrate an understanding of music technology and hold a degree or HND in music technology.
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You will be of degree calibre, with an understanding of health and health related issues specific to men's health and wellbeing. Community development experience is an essential requirement of the post.

Some flexibility in terms of evening and weekend work will be required.

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Closing date for all posts: 29 September 2008

For an application form and job description please contact:
Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.

Telephone: 01474 33 70 00
Email: customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk
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For an application pack, please write to/telephone (stating the role for which you are applying): Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent. ME2 3SP (01634 338224)

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Closing Date: 19.9.2008

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New Start Manager — T1361

Ashford
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You will support operations dealing with employer enquiries accessing Training 4 Business and the KCC contract. Duties will include providing support with word processing, use of spreadsheets, photocopying, faxing, filing, answering phones, maintaining diaries, booking and arranging meetings and taking minutes.

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Folkestone
25 hours per week

You will assist identified students to participate fully in the learning experiences available to them through their course of study, ensuring they benefit fully as well as assisting them with specific aspects of the learning experience. You will also assist with reading, writing or verbal communication as well as Basic Skills as appropriate.

The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the above vacancies is 5pm, Tuesday 30th September 2008.

For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit www.southkent.ac.uk

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Lecturer Finance — **08/136**
7.4 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Lecturer Administration to Level 3 and Cross College Key Skills — **08/73**
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Supply Lecturers required in the following areas:
Administration and Office Skills Level 2 or 3 — **SH/AOS**
Bookkeeping and Accounting — **SH/BKA**
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Supply Learning Support required in the following areas:
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Various hours available, salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum

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Supply Lecturers — **Post Ref: Supply**
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For this role you will need experience of supporting people in at least one of the following areas: mental health, learning disability, substance misuse, or vulnerable older people.

You must have genuine commitment to make a difference and have a flexible approach. Excellent communication and motivational skills are essential as you will be working closely with a broad range of people.

You will encourage self-sufficiency and independence while at the same time providing clients with the support and guidance they need to get back on their feet. You may also be required to give practical 'hands on' help in life skills in some cases.

You must be well organised, able to work on your own initiative and have a full driving licence and access to a vehicle for business use.

To request an application pack contact Clare Cornwell on 01732 749451 or email clare.cornwell@wkha.org.uk

Closing date: 29 September 2008
Interview date: w/c 6 October 2008

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This post is suitable for a qualified teacher with Early Years experience, with an excellent understanding and working knowledge of the Foundation Stage Curriculum, and the needs of young children and their families.

You must be able to demonstrate the ability to understand and work with a wide range of providers and external agencies. Excellent communication skills are therefore essential as well as knowledge of additional and special education needs would be advantageous.

When applying please state if you are interested in a full time or part time position.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. **Ref: CFE/08/0446**

Closing date: Midday, 23rd September 2008.
Interview date: 14th October 2008.

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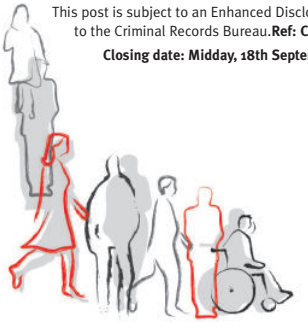
These posts present the right applicants with a unique opportunity to broaden their experience and develop behaviour management skills which would be transferable to many other education or social care settings.

If you have experience of working effectively with disaffected young people, are able to form positive working relationships with a range of other professionals in order to bring about better outcomes for young people we would like to hear from you.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.**Ref: CFE/08/0460**

Closing date: Midday, 18th September 2008.



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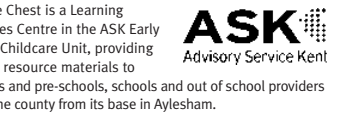

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Treasure Chest Resource Centre Regional Driver/Co-ordinator

Starting salary £16,627, with progression through contribution related pay to £18,288 per annum

We wish to appoint a driver/co-ordinator to work within the team, who will be responsible for:

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- Promoting Treasure Chest loans to increase membership take up.
- Updating records and providing advice on stock selection.
- Delivering and collecting resources, (a vehicle is provided and the post holder will need to have a full, clean driving licence and be able to undertake the necessary manual lifting and handling).
- Ensuring the vehicle is cleaned regularly and maintenance checks are undertaken.

This is an exciting role and we offer opportunities for training and career progression.

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Treasure Chest Resource Centre Support Officer

Starting salary £15,826, with progression through contribution related pay to £16,627 per annum

Following the promotion of the current post holder, Treasure Chest is looking to appoint a Support Officer to help co-ordinate the smooth administration of the resource centre.

Working as part of a team, the post holder will be responsible for:

- Maintaining records of equipment delivered in and out and ordering stationery and stock for the service.
- Dealing with incoming and outgoing correspondence by preparing and typing letters, memoranda, reports for managerial meetings and collating or originating material for other documents, as required.
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Training will be provided and the post offers good opportunities for career progression. **Ref: CFE/08/0443**

Treasure Chest Resource Centre Assistant

Starting salary £13,959, with progression through contribution related pay to £15,826 per annum

We are looking to appoint a new post holder to help with the day to day running of the centre. Working as part of a team, the post holder will be responsible for:

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- Collecting and collating ordered stock ready for loading on the delivery vehicles.
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Ref: CFE/08/0444

For an informal discussion about the Teasure Chest posts, please contact Tammy Winstone on 01304 849043.

Closing date: Midday, 18th September 2008.
Interview date: w/c 6th October 2008.

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We are looking for someone who can be flexible and adaptable in their approach to work, can work using their own initiative and who enjoys working as part of a team.

The Ursuline College Science laboratories are situated in a purpose built building, are fully equipped with excellent storage facilities, with the added benefit of a spacious Technician work room.

A full job description is available upon request

Please apply in writing for an application pack at the above address to Mr Martin O'Grady, Head of Science or via email to: recruitment@ursuline.org.uk

Closing date: Monday 22nd September 2008

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Hadlow College is Kent's premier land-based college and one of the top three such colleges in the United Kingdom.

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The successful candidate will need practical experience in an animal care industry plus teaching experience in a practical and/or classroom setting. A keen interest in a wide range of animal related subjects is essential, as is a qualification in an animal related subject (Degree, Vet Nursing, etc).

In addition to the minimum requirements detailed above, candidates will also need a teaching qualification or the willingness to work towards one, excellent communication and IT skills and the ability to work well as part of a team. Qualifications A1/A2 (or D32 and D33) would also be an advantage.

This post is part-time, working 18.5 hours per week, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Sessional Lecturer, Animal Management
£32.00 per hour

We are also looking for a motivated and enthusiastic individual to fill this fixed-term post working three hours per week on a Wednesday morning (flexibility regarding the weekday worked can be discussed at interview) until the end of the year.

If you would like to apply for either role please forward your CV with a covering letter to the Human Resources Department, Hadlow College, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0AL or e-mail 'jobs@hadlow.ac.uk'

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Lifelong Learning Administrator

Band 4: £17,316 - £20,818 p.a.
Eastern & Coastal Area Offices, Canterbury
Full-time
Ref: P630

Working along side the Lifelong Learning Manager, this would suit someone who has a level 4 qualification and an interest in Skills for Life. Therefore you will hold the Adult Learner Support at level 3 or be willing to work towards this on appointment.
You will have proven ability in communicating with other professionals and learners in a work based, or a community learning environment, or educational setting. Experience of the NHS would be an advantage. Involved in undertaking Skills for Life assessments for staff and in making appropriate referrals for further learning with the Lifelong Learning Manager, you must be able to work autonomously and be a positive team member.
The post requires a degree of flexibility as some assessments will need to be carried out during unsocial hours and you will need to travel across the entire geographical area of the Trust which covers all of Kent and Medway. KMPT is committed to developing its staff and you will be encouraged and supported to undertake the Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) at level 3.

For an informal chat please call Sheila Bull on 07791892057.

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TO APPLY:

We encourage applicants to apply on-line - go to www.kmpt.nhs.uk

Completed applications by: 26 September 2008.

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These are key appointments reporting directly to the Head of Division and the successful candidates will need to demonstrate the ability to manage multidisciplinary instructional teams to achieve high quality teaching and high pass rates in all course programmes within their faculty. For the Construction and Engineering Faculty Managers posts you will be a qualified and experienced engineer or tradesperson preferably with an education or training background, although this is not essential.

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Telephone 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine)

Informal enquires are very welcome, please telephone: **Personnel Director Iain Donaldson on 01634 884422**
Personnel Officer, Marie Cook on 01634 884736

Closing Date 26th September 2008 Interviews will take place in week commencing 29th September 2008

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Head of Faculty Higher Education 08/112
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £40,821 per annum

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The closing date for the above posts is Monday 29th September 2008 at 12 noon

Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Proximity to Mainbus / Train Stations
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- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Staff Discount Scheme

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Project Co-ordinator – College Redevelopment 08/117
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum

Trainer Demonstrator – Sport, Leisure, Travel & Tourism 04/106
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

Trainer Demonstrator Animal Care and Land Based TD13
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

Trainer Demonstrator – Maths/Physics TD17
27.75 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

Lab Technician (Resource Assistant) RA18
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

Resource Assistant/Work Placement Organiser for Health and Social Care RA17
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

Resource Assistant Animal Care and Land Based 04/98
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 per annum

Placement Visitor within Early years/Playwork 04/116
19 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time.
Salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

Curriculum Support Assistant within the Faculty of ICT/ Retail & Commercial/ Leisure & Tourism/ Catering/ Business & Law 08/66
37 hrs per week, 38 weeks per year term time. Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

Curriculum Support Assistant within Health, Public Services and Care 08/131
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Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

Assistant Head Chef RC01
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Catering Assistant CA6
16 hrs per week, 36 weeks term time.
Salary £11,801 pro rata per annum

Night Cleaners 08/22
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Ensuring effective monitoring systems are established and implemented according to agreed Local Authority policies and national guidance is essential.

Already a highly successful manager in a school, Local Authority or equivalent, with a detailed knowledge of Alternative Provision and the capacity to improve services in a large, excellent authority you will be a key member of the Attendance and Behaviour Service Senior Management Team. **Ref: CFE/08/0457**

Closing date: Midday, 19th September 2008.
Interview date: 6th October 2008.

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Unqualified Tutor

£14,751 to £23,331 per annum
3 year temporary contract **Ref: CFE/08/0462**

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Starting salary £13,959, with progression through contribution related pay to £15,826 per annum, pro rata, 20 hours per week, term time only, fixed term to August 2009 **Ref: CFE/08/0463**

Tutors will be responsible for the planning, delivery and evaluation of sessions through a variety of media. As a Teaching Assistant you will provide support to students under guidance from the tutor. For both posts you will be committed to the welfare and education of vulnerable and disengaged students.

Closing date for both posts: Midday, 24th September 2008.

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Product Accountant

Folkestone
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Lifelong Learning Administrator

Canterbury
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Closing Date: 26 September 2008
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Sports Partnership Administration Assistant

Margate
Salary: Kent Scheme Payscale 4 Points 11-14 (£15,826-£16,627) Pro-Rata £5,291
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FULL TIME CHEF

Canterbury
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Full Time Chef

London
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Closing Date: 17th September, 2008
• NVQ II in catering or equivalent • Diploma in Food Hygiene (level 4) and HACCP (level 3) • Working with a team of dedicated volunteers to cover daily main meal at midday and an evening meal, including some weekends • Excellent health and safety and best practice knowledge • Knowledge of special diets and ability to train others in foundation food hygiene a distinct advantage. As an Investors In People employer we know how important You are and can offer - • Structured on going education, support and professional development.
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Pastry Chef

Sittingbourne
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Sittingbourne
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Customer Service, Call Centre

SALES AGENTS

Folkestone
Salary: £16k – £18k OTE (uncapped) + excellent benefits package
Closing Date: 26 September 2008
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Tel: 01303 774888
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Visitor Services Team Leader

Canterbury
Salary: £25,581 to £28,041
Closing Date: 12 noon Friday 19 September 2008
Canterbury City Council is a big business with a turnover of more than £100 million and over 900 employees. Rated an Excellent Council and a Times Best Council to Work For, Canterbury is a great place to work. Our conditions include final salary pension scheme plus benefits, flexible working hours and relocation package (where applicable). With your experience in a busy customer services or retail environment, we don't need to tell you how to manage and motivate a team. But as we always put the customer first, you'll need to be absolutely committed to exceeding their expectations too. You'll need to lead and coach to get the best out of your people and make sure they understand our district inside and out. With an internal restructure happening alongside the daily running of a Visitor Information Centre that has a footfall of over half a million people a year, you'll certainly be kept busy. The ideal candidate will have: Excellent customer service management experience, ideally from a retail or query-driven organisation. The ability to plan, implement, manage, monitor and report on the Business Plan for the Visitor Services Department. Experience of managing and developing a large team of customer service professionals. Strong budget management skills with experience in meeting financial targets. Experience in monitoring success against KPI targets with regular reporting on progress. Think you can give our staff what they need to give our customers what they deserve? Then apply now. Interviews will take place on: Wednesday 1 October 2008 We prefer applications on-line. For further details of this position and all our latest opportunities and to apply on-line, visit our website at www.canterbury.gov.uk/jobs or e-mail
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To apply/more information:
Canterbury City Council
Quoting Job Ref: 1785
Tel: 01227 862 072 (24 hour answerphone)
Email jobs@canterbury.gov.uk

Domestic

CARETAKER

Medway
Salary: £14,492 - £18,430 (PRO RATA) + SEN Allowance (£1,107)
Closing Date: 19.9.2008
Are you committed, motivated and enthusiastic? Can you work using your own initiative, as well as being part of a team? Abbey Court is located on 2 sites; Rainham (Primary) and Strood (Secondary and Further Education), and caters for pupils aged 4- 19 with severe learning difficulties. The post holder will be based primarily at the school's Strood site, reporting to the Site Manager and Headteacher. This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure. For an application pack, please write to/telephone (stating the role for which you are applying): Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent. ME2 3SP (01634 338224) Please note CV's will not be accepted.
To apply/more information:
Abbey Court School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 338224
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Fueller/Shunter/ Cleaner

Gillingham
Salary: tba
Closing Date: 3rd Oct 08
There is a vacancy for and Evening Fueller/Shunter/Cleaner to be based at our Gillingham Depot, reporting directly to the Assistant Engineering Manager. Activities will inclue: *Fuelling, Shunting, Oils, waters and cleaning a fleeti of buses in preparation for the following days use. General yard duties. Personal qualities should include: *High quality vehicle cleanliness and presentation standards. *Flexible approach to hours or work - 17.00 to 01.00 Monday to Friday covering five days on a 38 hours per week. * Self Motivated. *Adherence with all H&S matters. *Car licence essential, PCV holders preferred as some vehicle change overs may be required, although training will be provided for NPCV holders. To apply, please send your CV and covering letter to Mr A Henry, District Engineering Manager, Arriva Southern Counties, Nelson Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 4LN
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Salary: £15,027 p.a. to £18,316 p.a. rising to £19,442 p.a.
Closing Date: 29th September 2008
plus a final salary contributory pension scheme Your duties will involve the daily cleaning of offices and public conveniences to a specified standard. This will include WC's, basins & urinals, as well as walls, floors, ceilings etc and the removal of graffiti. You will have use of a Council van to carry out your duties, and be expected to work on a rota basis which includes early and late shifts including Saturday and Sunday working Previous applicants need not apply and for an informal discussion about these posts, please contact John Cox, Cleansing Manager on 01959 567375. Our staff benefits package includes, a final salary contributory pension scheme, flexible annual leave and working arrangements, free centre membership of Sencio's Leisure Centres in the District, a childcare vouchers scheme and excellent training and development opportunities. To apply on-line please visit our website @
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Street Sweeper/Driver

Sevenoaks
Salary: £15,027 p.a. to £18,316 p.a. rising to £19,442 p.a.
Closing Date: 29th September 2008
with exceptional performance (pay award pending) plus a final salary contributory pension scheme You will need to be physically capable of carrying out the duties of the post, presentable in appearance and prepared to work as part of a team. You will be working a 37 hour week and you must hold a driving licence that allows you to drive a vehicle up to 7.5 tonnes. Mobile Office/n
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Education, Teacher, School

Cover Supervisor

Canterbury
Salary: Kent Scheme Level 5 (£16,277 - £18,288 pro rata)
Closing Date: Friday 19th September 2008 at noon
8.00am - 4.00pm Mon - Fri Term Times plus five days. Could you be part of an enthusiastic, dynamic team that supports a new Academy – including new buildings and resources? Are you committed to developing learning and raising aspirations with students? If so, we want to hear from you. The successful candidate will be energetic, enthusiastic and able to take charge of children's learning through the delivery of set work. The ability to work well under pressure is essential as are excellent organisational, interpersonal and communication skills. To apply for this position please forward a letter of application together with a CV quoting the reference by email. Interviews will be held Friday 26th September 2008
To apply/more information:
Mr Ian Johnson
Spires Academy
Quoting Job Ref: CS0109
Email m.wigington@
spiresacademy.com

Laboratory Technician

Broadstairs
Salary: (£13,959—£15,826 pro-rata)
Closing Date: Monday 22nd September 2008
37 hours per week, Term Time only (38 weeks per year) Kent Scheme Payscale 3 Points 7-11 The successful candidate will join a hardworking, friendly Science team working within the College. Previous school experience would be an advantage, although not necessary as full training will be provided. We are also offering the possibility of gaining an NVQ qualification, level 2 or 3. We are looking for someone who can be flexible and adaptable in their approach to work, can work using their own initiative and who enjoys working as part of a team. The Ursuline College Science laboratories are situated in a purpose built building, are fully equipped with excellent storage facilities, with the added benefit of a spacious Technician work room. A full job description is available upon request Please apply in writing for an application pack at the above address to Mr Martin O'Grady, Head of Science or via email to:
recruitment@ursuline.org.uk
To apply/more information:
Ursuline College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 834431
Email recruitment@
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Learning Support Assistant

Folkestone
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 5pm,Tuesday 30th September 2008
With campuses in Ashford, Folkestone and Dover, South Kent College offers a wide range of courses from Entry Level to Level 7 and caters for over 10,000 students of all ages. 25 hours per week. You will assist identified students to participate fully in the learning experiences available to them through their course of study, ensuring they benefit fully as well as assisting them with specific aspects of the learning experience.You will also assist with reading, writing or verbal communication as well as Basic Skills as appropriate. For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancy please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email us or visit www.southkent.ac.uk.
To apply/more information:
South Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: S2160
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Email humanresources@
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Lecturer in Skills for Life

Chatham
Salary: tba
Closing Date: 24 September 2008
Full and Part-time positions Salary will be dependant on experience. An opportunity has arisen within our Skills for Life team for a dynamic lecturer of ICT, communication and numeracy to deliver key skills to a variety of vocational areas. In addition some 1:1 support will be required. You will have prior experience in embedding key skills and skills for life in a vocational and/or academic course. Please state on your application if you are interested
To apply/more information:
Personnel department
Mid Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: P0549
Tel: 01634 845402
Email recruitment@
midkent.ac.uk

MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

Hythe
Salary: tba
Closing Date: 1st October 2008
We currently have vacancies for Midday Supervisors at our School to work for 11/4 hours per day - 5 days a week. We are looking for people to join our busy team which involves our exciting lunchtime "Active Play" project. If you feel that this could be you, please contact the school for further information, and to arrange an appointment to visit the school.'_¬«
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St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 266578
Email headteacher@
st-augustines-hythe.kent.sch.uk

Part-time Lecturer, Animal Management

Tonbridge
Salary: £21,762 to £29,337 p.a (pro rata)
Closing Date: 26th Sept 08
We are looking to recruit a highly motivated Animal Management Lecturer to joining our existing vibrant and enthusiastic team. As a Lecturer, you will be required to tutor, teach and give practical instruction in Animal Management to a range of students on Further & Higher Education Courses. The successful candidate will need practical experience in an animal care industry plus teaching experience in a practical and/or classroom setting. A keen interest in a wide range of animal related subjects is essential, as a qualification in an animal related subject (Degree, Vet Nursing, etc) In addition to the minimum requirements detailed above, candidates will also need a teaching qualification or the willingness to work towards one, excellent communication and IT skills and the ability to work well as part of a team. Qualifications A1/A2 (OR D32 and D33) would also be an advantage. This is a part time post, working 18.5 hours per week, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you would like to apply for this role please forward your CV with a covering letter to Human Resources Department, Hadlow College, Hadlow, Tonbridge, TN11 0AL or email
jobs@hadlow.ac.uk
To apply/more information:
Hadlow College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email jobs@hadlow.ac.uk

Sessional Lecturer, Animal Management

Tonbridge
Salary: £32.00 per hour
Closing Date: 26th Sept 08
We are also looking for a motivated and enthusiastic individual to fill this fixed term post working three hours per week on a Wednesday morning (flexibility regarding the weekday worked can be discussed at interview) until the end of the year.
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Hadlow College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email jobs@hadlow.ac.uk

TEACHER – BASIC SKILLS

Canterbury
Salary: £21,805 pa – 37.5 hours per week
Closing Date: 28th September 2008
Cedar House is a 44-bed hospital offering secure services to people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. Do you want to work in a meaningful and challenging role in a stimulating environment? You will design and deliver individually tailored educational programmes to meet patient needs, carry out assessments, produce individual learning plans and, mentor and develop members of the Education, Rehabilitation and Skills Development Department. You will facilitate learner involvement, oversee the regular review of patient goals and take a lead role in an agreed area of development/responsibility. You will hold a teaching qualification (Cert.Ed., B.Ed, PGCW or recognised equivalent), possess comprehensive experience of planning and delivering educational sessions and have previous supervisory experience. You will be able to effectively organise and manage your own workload, be an excellent communicator and be able to develop and maintain positive working relationships with patients, colleagues and external agencies. In return we offer a variety of benefits including Pension, Life Assurance, 30 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays, excellent training and development opportunities and positive management support. If you wish to be considered for any of these roles, please contact Reception for an application form, alternatively you can download an application form from our website
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Teaching Assistant

Aylesford
Salary: £13959 to 15826 pro rata
Closing Date: 15th September 2008
Aylesford School – Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. At Aylesford School – Sports College we can offer you:- *A brand new school. *Outstanding new facilities in all areas. *A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways. *A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another. *A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students. We are looking for a committed professional who:- *Can motivate pupils through the curriculum. *Has the desire to make the difference. * Is focussed on developing their career further. For an application pack please contact Miss Jill McKenna on 01622 717341 or email your request to
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TEACHING ASSISTANTS

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Closing Date: 19.9.2008
Are you committed, motivated and enthusiastic? Does 'Every Child Matter' to you? Can you make a difference? If so, share your talents and expertise with us. Abbey Court is located on 2 sites; Rainham (Primary) and Strood (Secondary and Further Education), and caters for pupils aged 4- 19 with severe learning difficulties. Working hours are 32.5 p/w, term time only. Previous experience and/or NNEB (or equivalent) qualifications preferred. Comprehensive training and induction will be provided. This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure. For an application pack, please write to/telephone (stating the role for which you are applying): Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent. ME2 3SP (01634 338224) Please note CV's will not be accepted.
To apply/more information:
Abbey Court School
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Email tayll036@medway.org.uk

TUTORS – COMMUNICATION, DAILY LIVING SKILLS and SPORTS/FITNESS

Canterbury
Salary: £17,010 pa
Closing Date: 28th September 2008
Cedar House is a 44-bed hospital offering secure services to people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. Do you want to work in a meaningful and challenging role in a stimulating environment? You will assess patient skills in your identified activity area, plan activities according to individual needs, produce individual learning plans and facilitate learner involvement setting positive, achievable targets in line with service guidelines. You will maintain daily records and submit detailed written reports on patient progress for reviews and assessment meetings. You will have previous experience of planning, delivering and evaluating activities and supporting adults within your identified activity area in a healthcare/learning disability environment. You will possess highly developed organisational skills, be able to manage own workload accordingly and possess a full UK Driving Licence and be willing to drive Company vehicles. An initial teaching qualification (C&G, 7303 PTLLS or equivalent) and activity area related qualification is desirable. 37.5 hours per week In return we offer a variety of benefits including Pension, Life Assurance, 30 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays, excellent training and development opportunities and positive management support. If you wish to be considered for any of these roles, please contact Reception for an application form, alternatively you can download an application form from our website
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Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

Electrical Maintenance Engineer

Maidstone
Salary: TBA
Reliance M&E Services is currently seeking an experienced electrical maintenance engineer to work on a Maidstone council contract. Applicants should have a working knowledge of the building services industry in commercial and industrial buildings, plus have 16th/17th edition, 2391 test and inspection. Successful candidates will be proactive and have excellent attention to detail. In return you will receive a company van, a competitive salary and benefits package.
To apply/more information:
Steven Hooker
Reliance Facilities Management
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email
steven.hooker@reliancefm.com

Mechanical Estimator

Canterbury
Salary: TBC
Must have firm knowledge and understanding of Building Services Industry and fully conversant with HVCA products. Self motivated and enjoys a challenge. Office in Wingham (Canterbury). Please contact Dominic.
To apply/more information:
Hapap Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 07747462695
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Skilled Shift Fitters

Gillingham
Salary: tba
Closing Date: 3rd Oct 08
This progressive international company has a requirement for skilled engineering fitters, to help maintain its mixed vehicle fleet in the gillingham and swale area. These roles are full time, include shift work and will at times require the successful applicants to work unsupervised in maintaining our vehicle fleet to the highest standards of safety and quality. Key responsibilities include: *In depth knowledge of goods vehicles or passenger carrying vehicles (PCV's) with appropriate qualifications. *High quality vehicle maintenance, cleanliness and presentation standards. *Flexible approach to hours of work. *Self Motivated. *Good report writing skills. *Adherence to all H&S matters. To apply, please send a covering letter, your CV giving details of your relevant experience and qualifications to: Mr A Henry, District Engineering Manager, Arriva Southern Counties, Nelson Road, Gillingham, Kent ME7 4LN
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Health & Safety, Security, Defense

SITE TEAM MEMBER (Safety and Security)

Folkestone
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Closing Date: Friday 26th September 2008
You will be part of a team responsible for site security and site maintenance. Along with some supervision of students at lunchtimes and out of school hours. The successful applicant will be required to be flexible, patient and well organized. Basic 'handyman' skills are essential. You will have to provide an Enhanced CRB disclosure for which the employer will pay. Hours: 12.00pm – 8.00pm Further details are available from: Miss S Spratley, Pent Valley Technology College, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4ED
To apply/more information:
Miss S Spratley
Pent Vally Tech
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 277161 ext 2218
Email samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk

Industrial, Warehouse, Factory

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Marketing, Advertising

Database and Marketing Administrator

Tonbridge
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Motor Trade, Driver

L.G.V class I and II drivers

Folkestone
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Hythe
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David Fagg
B & D Specialist Cars
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Trainee Parts Advisor

Tonbridge
Salary: Competitive salary package
Closing Date: Friday 26th September 2008
We are looking to recruit a Trainee Parts Advisor to join our successful and busy Parts Department. This role requires attention to detail and would ideally suit someone who has a friendly, outgoing personality. Previous experience is not necessary as full training will be given. The ideal candidate will be of smart appearance, computer literate, have a pleasant telephone manner and be able to work on their own initiative as a key member of a hard working team. A clean driver's licence is essential. Please send your CV to John Hosking, Parts Manager, Porsche Centre Tonbridge, Brook Farm, Five Oak Green Road, Tonbridge, TN11 0QN or email us.
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John Hosking
Porsche Centre Tonbridge
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Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

Carer

Herne Bay
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Community Carers

Folkestone
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Dental Nurse

Maidstone
Salary: TBA
Please contact us for further information.
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Nicola
Marden Dental Surgery
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 07736 648406
Email mardentsurg@btopenworld.com

NEWLY QUALIFIED SOCIAL WORKER

Canterbury
Salary: £25,577 pa (pro-rata for part time)
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Ashford
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Email countryfolkcare@hotmail.co.uk

PATIENT ACTIVITY TIMETABLE CO-ORDINATOR

Canterbury
Salary: £9,808 pa
Closing Date: 28th September 2008
Cedar House is a 44-bed hospital offering secure services to people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. Do you want to work in a meaningful and challenging role in a stimulating environment? You will be responsible for producing weekly timetables, to include activity sessions, staff allocation and resource availability. You will produce accessible information for patients relating to individual activities and provide administrative support to the Department, including producing Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). You will possess highly developed organisational and communication skills, and have a working knowledge of MS Office Suite. You should have experience of preparing materials to tight deadlines with a high standard of accuracy and presentation and the ability to manage time effectively, work methodically and maintain positive relationships with patients and colleagues. 22.5 hours per week (to be worked across 5 days). In return we offer a variety of benefits including Pension, Life Assurance, 30 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays, excellent training and development opportunities and positive management support. If you wish to be considered for any of these roles, please contact Reception for an application form, alternatively you can download an application form from our website www.careprinciples.com Appointments are subject to Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. We are an equal opportunity employer committed to developing our staff.
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
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ROTA and KPI CO-ORDINATOR

Canterbury
Salary: £17,010 pa
Closing Date: 28th September 2008
Cedar House is a 44-bed hospital offering secure services to people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. Do you want to work in a meaningful and challenging role in a stimulating environment? You will have overall responsibility for the management of 4 weekly rosters and co-ordinating the resourcing requirements of the nursing and care department, including allocating overtime, agency and bank shifts to staff. You will manage the Time Attendance Rostering System (TARS), ensuring accurate information is inputted, and the collation and production of accurate unit operational KPIs. You will possess previous experience of rostering (both creation and management) and experience in dealing with and analysing statistical and financial information. You will have excellent communication and IT skills, be able to work independently and as a part of a team and be able to work to deadlines in a pressurised environment. 37.5 hours per week In return we offer a variety of benefits including Pension, Life Assurance, 30 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays, excellent training and development opportunities and positive management support. If you wish to be considered for any of these roles, please contact Reception for an application form, alternatively you can download an application form from our website www.careprinciples.com Appointments are subject to Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. We are an equal opportunity employer committed to developing our staff.
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SOCIAL WORK SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

Canterbury
Salary: £31,040 pa – 37.5 hours per week
Closing Date: 28th September 2008
Cedar House is a 44-bed hospital offering secure services to people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. Do you want to work in a meaningful and challenging role in a stimulating environment? The post holder will provide a comprehensive social work service to the patient group, including pre-admission assessments, treatment plans, discharge arrangements, social work reports and attending internal and external meetings as appropriate. You will actively promote and enhance social work practices to the highest standard and provide social work advice based on sound evidence and best practice to members of the multi-disciplinary and senior management team. You will lead the Social Work department in developing a strategic plan for the progression of the social work service within the unit, providing visible social work leadership and input. You must have comprehensive experience of working in a social work role within a learning disability/mental health setting together with previous supervisory experience. You will have an in-depth understanding of the Mental Health Act 1983, Care Standards Act 2000, relevant legislation and best practice and be able to work according to these requirements. Relevant qualifications and valid registration with the General Social Care Council (GSCC) are required for this role. In return we offer a variety of benefits including Pension, Life Assurance, 30 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays, excellent training and development opportunities and positive management support. If you wish to be considered for any of these roles, please contact Reception for an application form, alternatively you can download an application form from our website www.careprinciples.com Appointments are subject to Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. We are an equal opportunity employer committed to developing our staff.
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SUPPORT WORKERS

Canterbury
Salary: From £8.07 per hour
Closing Date: 28th September 2008
Cedar House is a 44-bed hospital offering secure services to people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. You will provide the highest standard of care for each patient assisting them in ensuring their daily needs are met. You will be actively involved in encouraging and supporting patients with daily activities, educational programmes, behavioural support programmes and leisure activities. Ideally, candidates will possess an NVQ Level 2 (Health & Social Care) qualification or equivalent along with previous experience working in a similar role, or within a healthcare/ learning disabilities environment. However we are also keen to hear from any candidates who feel that through life experience, can offer excellent care and support to our patients. Average 37.5 hours per week on shift basis (incorporating weekends & nights). In return we offer a variety of benefits including competitive hourly rates, Pension, full induction programme, training and development opportunities and Life Assurance. If you wish to be considered for this role, please contact our Reception to request an application form or alternatively you can download an application form from our website www.careprinciples.com Please quote reference number. Appointments are subject to Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. We are an equal opportunity employer committed to developing our staff. www.careprinciples.com
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YOUNG PERSONS' DRUG AND ALCOHOL WORKER (EARLY INTERVENTION/TIER 2)

Medway
Salary: SCP 25 – 33, £20,736 - £26,835 (pay award pending)
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008
Operating in the drug & alcohol and mental health sectors, KCA (UK) provides a wide range of high quality and innovative specialist services for adults and young people. You will be involved in a range of community based services for young people who use/misuse drugs, or are at risk of doing so. This will include early intervention and prevention initiatives with targeted groups of young people through giving advice and information, raising awareness and educating them about the risks of using drugs. Much of this will be carried out though group work and presentations, with some one to one work. It will include working closely with other agencies and professionals. You need to have good substance misuse knowledge, excellent communication and engagement skills, casework skills, and the ability to be creative and innovative. Proven experience of working effectively with young drug and alcohol users is a prerequisite. Essential Car User Allowance up to £1056 For application forms and further information, contact: KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Interview date: Friday 10th October 2008 KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse. www.kca.org.uk.
To apply/more information:
KCA (UK)
Quoting Job Ref: 516
Tel: 01795 590635
Email recruitment@kca.org.uk

Public Sector, Social Services

Community Health Networker - Men's mental health and wellbeing

Gravesend
Salary: **Salary:** Circa £18,000 - £21,000
Closing Date: 29 September 2008
Could you inspire men to talk about their health? We are looking for someone who has the ability to use innovative methods to collect views and opinions from young men, men out of work and men over the age of 50 and 60 on their mental health. Based at the Gr@nd and working across the Borough of Gravesham the post holder will carry out a needs assessment on the potential inequalities in health and wellbeing for the target groups and write a report on how these needs can be addressed. You will be of degree calibre, with an understanding of health and health related issues specific to men's health and wellbeing. Community development experience is an essential requirement of the post. Some flexibility in terms of evening and weekend work will be required. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau check.ÿÿÿ
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Gravesham Borough Council
Quoting Job Ref: CHNMH/JB
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Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk

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Community Support Worker

Rainham
Salary: Salary £18,038
Closing Date: 29 September 2008
West Kent is a high performing housing association providing excellent homes and services across Kent and we are a Sunday Times Best Company and a listed Top 100 small employer. In the role of Community Support Worker you will provide floating support to a group of vulnerable clients, who have previously received support from a Community Support Officer and are now ready to withdraw from the service. Your key role will be to help individuals become independent and make a fresh start. For this role you will need experience of supporting people in at least one of the following areas: mental health, learning disability, substance misuse, or vulnerable older people. You must have genuine commitment to make a difference and have a flexible approach. Excellent communication and motivational skills are essential as you will be working closely with a broad range of people. You will encourage self-sufficiency and independence while at the same time providing clients with the support and guidance they need to get back on their feet.You may also be required to give practical 'hands on' help in life skills in some cases. You must be well organised, able to work on your own initiative and
To apply/more information:
Clare Cornwell
West Kent Housing
Quoting Job Ref: MSF048
Tel: 01732 749451
Email clare.cornwell@wkha.org.uk

Foster carers wanted

Ashford
Salary: excellent rates of pay. The Caldecott Foundation, which cares for vulnerable children who have experienced extreme trauma and disruption, seeks dedicated and highly motivated foster carers. Comprehensive training and support given, plus excellent rates of pay.
To apply/more information:
Jamie Bromfield
Caldecott Foundation
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 815648
Email fostering@caldecottfoundation.co.uk

Networker - Health Inequalities, Rural areas

Gravesend
Salary: **Salary:** Circa £18,000 - £21,000
Closing Date: 29 September 2008
Are you passionate about enthusing others to lead a healthy lifestyle? In this exciting new post you will work across the Borough of Gravesham to research the need for, and deliver, a variety of initiatives aimed at reducing health inequalities in rural communities. You will be of degree calibre, with an understanding of health and health related issues. Community development experience is an essential requirement of the post. Some flexibility in terms of evening and weekend work will be required. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau check.
To apply/more information:
Gravesham Borough Council
Quoting Job Ref: CHNHI/JB
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Retail, Wholesale, Sales

Consultants

Ashford
Salary: TBA
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To apply/more information:
Craft Ed (UK) Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01993 892140
Email info@craft-ed.com

TELESALES OPERATIVE

Tenterden
Salary: tba
We are looking for a confident communicator who is self-motivated with basic IT/keyboard skills to work in our friendly Sales Office. Previous experience in business to consumer calling would be an advantage but not essential as training will be given. Excellent earning potential. Own transport necessary due to location.Pauline Sothcott CERIUM GROUP LTD Cerium Technology Pk Appledore Road Tenterden TN30 7DE
To apply/more information:
Cerium Optical
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email pauline@ceriumoptical.com

Highways - Borough of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(Canterbury Road A252, Charing, Challock) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Thin surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Canterbury Road A252, Charing, Challock from between its junction with C561 Faversham Road (top of Charing Hill) to its junction with U11259 Squids Gate Lane (Gliding Club entrance) on or after 15 September 2008 for an estimated period of one week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via C561 Faversham Road/Broomfield Lane, A251 Ashford Road/Faversham Road and A252 Canterbury Road, Challock.

This order will come into force on Monday 15 September 2008, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time.

Highways - District of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(King Street, Canterbury) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because installation of ducting works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on King Street, Canterbury from its junction with St Alphege Lane to its junction with Orange Street, on or after 2 October 2008, for an estimated period of two days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be eastbound via Orange Street, Palace Street, The Borough, St Radigunds Street and Knotts Lane; westbound via Palace Street and Orange Street

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(Reed Avenue and South Street, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Gas mains replacement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Reed Avenue and South Street from as described in column 1 of this schedule on 15 September 2008 for an estimated period of four weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will for each road described in column 1 of this schedule to this order is described in column 3 of this schedule.

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Reed Avenue, Canterbury	Closure of Reed Avenue northbound only from its junction with East Street to its junction with Sturry Road	Via East Street, South Street and Sturry Road	15 September for up to 2 weeks.
Phase 2			
South Street, Canterbury	Closure of South Street northbound only from its junction with East Street to its junction with Sturry Road	Via East Street, Reed Avenue and Sturry Road	29 September for up to 2 weeks

This order will come into force on Monday 15 September 2008 and will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(Church Lane, Seasalter) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new gas service works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Church Lane, Seasalter from its junction with A2990 Thanet Way to its junction with Faversham Road on 15 September 2008 for an estimated period of five days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Faversham Road, Joy Lane, Borstall Hill,and A2990 Thanet Way.

Highways - Borough of Dartford

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
BETSHAM ROAD, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Betsham Road, Dartford between its junction with Park Corner Road/Westwood Road and Southfleet Road/Highcross Road.

The Order will become effective on 15th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Westwood Road and Highcross Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate carriageway repairs.

Highways - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(B2011 FOLKESTONE ROAD, DOVER) (STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2008 (PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2008 (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2008 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1, 2, 32, 35 and 124 of and part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to alter the position of the existing time limited parking bays and waiting restrictions on B2011 Folkestone Road, Dover, whilst maintaining the position of the existing Disabled Persons Parking Bay.

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at the Kent County Council Offices, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 1XX, the Dover Town Council Offices, Maison Dieu House Biggin Street Dover CT16 1DW and the Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ

Anyone wishing to support, or object to this proposal should write to Diane Bourne, Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB quoting the name of the Order and reference No "B0836400" and stating their reasons, by not later than Monday 6th October 2008.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(B2011 FOLKESTONE ROAD, DOVER) (PUFFIN CROSSING) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 and all other enabling powers, intends to install a puffin crossing on B2011 Folkestone Road, Dover, 60.0 metres north east of the mid point of its junction with Clarenden Road.

Copies of the plan showing this proposal can be inspected during normal working hours at the County Council Offices, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 1XX, the Dover Town Council Offices, Maison Dieu House Biggin Street Dover CT16 1DW and the Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(Coxhill, Shepherdswell, Dover) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because soakaway and gully cleansing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Coxhill, Shepherdswell, Dover approximately 1000m north of the A2 junction or 600m south of the junction with Westcourt Lane and Church Hill, in the area of Thrift Cottage & Elgin Cottage on or after 01 October 2008 for an estimated period of 1 day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Church Hill, Coldred Road, Church Road and the A2.

Highways - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(LENHAM ROAD, HEADCORN) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Lenham Road, Headcorn between Baker Lane and Southernden Road on or after Monday 15th September 2008 between 9:30 to 15:00 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is southbound traffic via Headcorn Road, Eastwood Road, Headcorn Road, Tilden Lane, Ulcombe Road and for northbound traffic visa versa.

BT apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for service connection works. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Tracy Zeal of Ashtead Plant Hire Company Ltd on 01666 822000.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
PENSHURST ROAD, CHIDDINGSTONE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Penshurst Road, Chiddingstone between its junctions with Mill Lane and Bore Place Road.

The Order will become effective on 29th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 1 Sunday. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Moorden Lane, Station Hill, Penshurst Road, Fordcombe Road, New Road, Spring Hill, Ashurst Road, Hartfield Road, Mill Hill, Mont St Aignan Way, Station Road, Main Road, Spout Lane, Pootings Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the inspection of a railway bridge.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
CASTLE ROAD, EYNSFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Castle Road, Eynsford from its junction with A225 Station Road for a distance of 100m.

The Order will become effective on 15th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A225 Station Road, A225 Shoreham Road, Station Road, Church Street, High Street, Castle Farm Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the renewal of BT Poles and Aerial Cabling.

Highways - District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(Horton Priory, Priory Lane, Sellindge) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new booster electricity cable works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Horton Priory, Priory Lane, Sellindge from Horton Priory to its junction with Cock Ash on 15 September 2008 for an estimated period of 3 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Southenay Lane, Broad Street and Cock Ash .

Highways - Borough of Swale

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(The Street, Bredgar) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because road layout improvement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on The Street, Bredgar from the junction with Bexon Lane to the junction with Gore Road, on or after 30 September 2008, for an estimated period of two weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Bexon Lane, Ruins Barn Road, Tunstall Road, and Primrose Lane.

Highways - District of Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(York Street, Ramsgate) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because property maintanence works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on York Street, Ramsgate from its junction with Royal Parade to its junction with Queen Street on or after 29 September 2008 for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Royal Parade and Leopold Street.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(Clifton Street Margate) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new electrical supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Clifton Street Margate from its junction with Dane Hill to its junction with Wellington Gardens on or after 30 September 2008 for an estimated period of 7 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Dane Hill, Northdown Road and Bath Road or via Bath Road, Dane Road and Dane Hill.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(Ebbsfleet Lane Richborough) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because electricity duct and cable installation and jointing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Ebbsfleet Lane, Richborough from the junction with A256 Ramsgate Road to the junction with Grinsell Hill on or after 29 September 2008 for an estimated period of 8 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via A256, A299 and Thorne Hill.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(The Vale Broadstairs) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new gas supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on The Vale Broadstairs from its junction with A255 Ramsgate Road to its junction with St Georges Road on or after 16 September 2008 for an estimated period of 4 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via A255 Ramsgate Road and Luton Avenue.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(King Street Ramsgate) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new water supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on King Street Ramsgate from its junction with Alma Place to its junction with Newcastle Hill on or after 15 September 2008 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Victoria Road, Victoria Parade, Wellington Crescent and Plains of Waterloo.

For further information, please contact Geoff Mee,
Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge and Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, TONBRIDGE AND MALLING)(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING (CONSOLIDATED AMENDMENT 2) (BOROUGH GREEN PARKING PLAN, ZONE H) ORDER 2008

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act, made the above Order on 9th September 2008.

The effect of the Order is to revoke restrictions in Fairfield Road, High Street, Quarry Hill Road, Rock Road, Station Road and Western Road and to introduce a new permit parking scheme in Borough Green for qualifying residents and businesses;

Parking in Fairfield Road (between Fairfield Gate and Roman Court), Quarry Hill Road and Rock Road where it is proposed to manage parking with 2 hour (no return 2 hours) time-limited parking operating Monday to Friday between 8 am to 6 pm with exemptions for qualifying permit holders.

Parking in High Street and Western Road where it is proposed to manage parking with 2 hour (no return 2 hours) time -limited parking operating Monday to Saturday between 8.30 am to 6.30 pm with exemptions for qualifying permit holders.

Parking in Station Road where it is proposed to manage parking with 1 hour (no return 1 hour) time-limited parking operating Monday to Saturday between 8 am to 6 pm with exemptions for qualifying permit holders.

Parking in the lay-bys in High Street and Western Road where it is proposed to manage parking with 30 minute (no return 2 hours) time-limited parking operating Monday to Saturday between 8.30 am and 6.30 pm.

It is proposed to introduce a new Disabled Persons Parking Place in the lay-by in the High Street

School Access Protection Markings are proposed outside the school entrances in Wrotham Road and Hill View operating Monday to Friday at each end of the school day

The Order also imposes and re-imposes "No waiting" restrictions (double and single yellow lines) to reinforce the rules of the Highway Code and prevent parking in unsuitable places in Conyerd Road, Crow Hill Road, Fairfield Road, Harrison Road, High Street, Hill View, Maidstone Road (A25), Quarry Hill Road, Rock Road, Station Road, The Avenue, The Close, Tolsey Mead, Western Road (A227), Wrotham Road (A227) and Wye Road

The Order will contain the usual exemptions to enable a vehicle to wait with police permission or for passengers to board or alight, for the loading and unloading of goods, for enabling work to be carried out in or adjacent to the road, for disabled persons and for emergency vehicles.

The Order sets the cost of a residents parking permit at £25 per annum available for Zone H which includes a card of 10 visitors vouchers (additional visitors' vouchers are set at the cost of £10 for a card of 10 visitors vouchers) and £120 for business permits

A copy of the Order together with a map, a copy of the Council's reasons for making the Order, may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices, Kings Hill, West Malling or Tonbridge Castle, Borough Green Library and the Kent County Council, Invicta House, County Hall Maidstone Kent.

Anyone wishing to question the validity of the Order, or any of its provisions on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Act of 1984, as amended, or that any requirement of the Act of 1984, or any instrument made thereunder has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date of the Order, make application for that purpose to the High Court. The Order will come into effect on Monday. 15th September 2008.

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Parking Action Plan

The Borough Green Parking Plan is a community built project developed through consultation with local people

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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
PLAXTOL LANE, PLAXTOL (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Plaxtol Lane, Plaxtol between its junctions with A227 Tonbridge Road and Tree Lane.

The Order will become effective on 15th September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Tree Lane, Yopps Green, Sheet Hill, Bewley Lane, A227 Tonbridge Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate access to carriageway boxes for cabling by BT.

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BENCH & BOOTH LIMITED
(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)

In accordance with Rule 4.106, we Stephen Katz and David Birne of Fisher Partners, Acre House, 11-15 William Road, London NW1 3ER, give notice that on 4th September 2008 we were appointed Joint Liquidators of the Company by the members and creditors.

Notice is hereby given that Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, before 4th March 2008 to send in their full names, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned Stephen Katz of Fisher Partners, Acre House, 11-15 William Road, London NW1 3ER, the Joint Liquidator of the Company, and, if so required by notice in writing, to prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default shall be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.

Dated: 5th September 2008
Stephen Katz, Joint Liquidator

TRAC-ART LIMITED
(Company No: 04959849)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held on 26 September 2008, at 10.30 am at Judd House, 16 East Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1HG, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. Forms of proxy to be used at the Meeting, accompanied by a statement of claim, must be lodged at the offices of Vantis Business Recovery Services, Judd House, 16 East Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1HG, the Registered Office of the company, not later than 12.00 noon on 25 September 2008. Mark Newman of Vantis Business Recovery Services, Judd House, 16 East Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1HG, is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company who, during the period before the day on which the meeting is to be held, will furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated: 4 September 2008
By Order of the Board
Zeca Bridges, Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
GAS SAFE (SOUTH EAST) LIMITED
Company Number: 6209757

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 68 Ship Street, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1AE, on 19 September 2008, at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.

Notice is further given that Mr William Jeremy Jonathan Knight of Jeremy Knight & Co, Chartered Accountants, 68 Ship Street, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1AE, who is a person qualified to act as an insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company, will furnish Creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company as they may reasonably require during the period before the said day.

Dated: 3 September 2008
By Order of the Board
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Skoda no joke with this Superb effort

By **STEVE LOADER**

SKODA used to make cars that really were 'Superb', and now it has tried again.

In the interim, it has made some of the grottiest cars ever made and become a by-word for motoring humour.

So, is this another Skoda joke? Can you double its value by filling the tank with fuel or is it another word for a skip?

Well, if you still find those old chestnuts funny then you obviously don't know that Skoda is now owned by VW and has been so completely transformed over the past decade or so that it does not just make clones of Vee-Dubs, but bespoke models.

Which is why this new Superb is special; the Czech marque made its name and the original Superb models before World War Two, as pre-communist Czechoslovakia's equivalent of Rolls-Royce.

When it revived the Superb label in 2002 it was worn by a long wheelbase clone from the

then previous generation VW Passat, with all the unsettled chassis faults of that car.

On the other hand, the reborn Superb was nearly that if you needed lots of rear legroom and straight line comfort, did a lot of towing or ran a cut-price chauffeur operation by day and an upmarket mini-cab operation by night.

However, I suspect that nobody need make excuses for the next generation Superb arriving this week.

Yes, it will be ridiculously cheap again – from £15,490 – for an executive class model and the oily bits come from the VW collective, but the car has its own styling this time and an innovative boot-cum-hatchback that should please all markets, plus keep cabbies happy when the car starts to filter into the used sector.

Despite a shorter wheelbase this time, Skoda engineers and designers have also created a roomier cabin.

As usual, Skoda's spec levels will be embarrassingly generous. Even the junior S trim comes with seven airbags, split folding rear seats, climate control, electric windows all round, electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors, 16-inch alloys, electronic stability control and front fog lights.

In short, while the new Superb has an executive aura, it will undermine ever-dwindling volumes in the mainstream family saloon/hatchback or Mondeo sector already abandoned by makers such as Nissan.

It should also send a very loud message to those deafheads who still think Skoda is that Iron Curtain brand that made cars that didn't go round corners very well.

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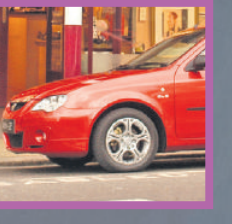

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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader

Focus on RS is well ahead of '09 launch

FORD has been swamped by orders for the high performance Ford Focus RS previewed at the British International Motor Show in July.

That event must have influenced the thousand customers who have placed orders so far – 40 per cent want their car in the unique 'Electric Green' shade of the show car as pictured here.

Other popular requests are 'Electric Blue' and – confirming the phoenix-like re-birth of white in the new car market – 'Frozen White'.

The re-birth of the RS (Rallye Sport) badge is backed by a 300PS (297bhp) version of Ford's Duratec 2.5-litre five-cylinder turbocharged engine – the Volvo derived 225 PS unit that has made the Focus ST one of the best hot hatchbacks available.

The RS badge was last used on a 2002 Focus Mark 1 version and the legend began with the Ford Escort RS1600 of 1970. The latest incumbent arrives in early '09.

Peugeot's new surfers' option

TAKE yourself down to any surfing beach and you realise that VW Campers or 'Combis' are the wheels of choice for surfer dudes.

But few are well-heeled enough to pay the sky-high prices these now command, so the humble Peugeot Partner/Citroën Berlingo van or MPV spin-off has become a default option – you can get tons of gear inside and boards on top of these workhorses and they have sold as practical family load-luggers too.

The lesson has not been missed by Peugeot, which has followed up with the Partner Tepee based on the 308 car rather than a van this time and also underlining the French marque's new 'Tepee' sub-brand, also used for the bigger Expert Tepee – a cut-price spin-off from the big 807 people carrier.

The Partner Tepee (from £11,215) seats up to five people, has sliding rear side doors and majors on storage, removable seating and versatility – there is even an optional internal roof rack designed to take up to three metre surfboards inside the vehicle.

There is also a Zenith multi-purpose roof option with 80 litres of extra storage beneath the high roof plus four large glazed panels for extra airiness in the cabin.

Insignia fires Vauxhall's confidence in new Astra

BUOYED by the reception for the styling of the new Insignia family model out next month, Vauxhall is teasing the market with this glimpse of the next Astra hatchback.

It has also confirmed that it will use the Insignia's 'sculpted blade' motif on the front wing as well as building the car on an all-new chassis.

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by STEVELOADER

Top-notch timing Proton for 'no cost' LPG fuel option

PROTON has brought a timely new twist to its value brand reputation by launching a cut-price dual-fuel version of the GEN-2 Ford Focus sector challenger.

The 'ecoLogic' GEN-2 version arrives as UK motorists tighten their belts in the face of the credit crunch and high road tax and fuel costs, and capitalises on renewed interest in cut-price LPG (liquefied petroleum gas).

LPG currently costs 58p a litre, but an after-market conversion for a car costs £1,500-2,000; the factory-fitted installation on the ecoLogic GEN-2 costs exactly the same price as its petrol equivalent – £10,995 in hatchback or £10,795 in saloon form.

The ecologic should also deliver a 40 per cent cut in fuel costs, based on an average annual mileage of 10,000 miles and the prices of petrol and LPG at £1.12 and 58p respectively (source: Fleet News) – a saving of more than £500.

Refuelling

More than 140,000 UK vehicles currently run on LPG, but the fuel has had mixed fortunes over the years due to an inconsistent spread of refuelling points and ill-judged taxation by the Government.

Both Vauxhall and Ford were notable exponents of dual fuel, producing Astra and Focus variants respectively and using the spare wheel well for the gas tank, but take-up was disappointing.

There are now 1,400 refuelling sites around the UK though, including motorway service stations and major supermarkets, and the fuel's greater eco-friendliness may deter further taxation; LPG produces less carbon monoxide, particulates and nitrous oxides than other fuel sources and CO2 'greenhouse gas' emissions are 15-20 per cent lower than petrol.

It is also more environmentally friendly to produce, being a simple by-product from extraction and refining of crude oil.

The new GEN-2 ecoLogic starts on petrol and then switches automatically to LPG when it is most efficient to do so rather than relying on the driver's memory.

This is usually after about 20 seconds and creates an almost imperceptible difference in performance.

The LPG is topped up via a second filler cap next to the petrol cap, matched to the exact colour of the car, and the tank is in the spare wheel well to avoid stealing boot space.

The ecoLogic GEN-2 has a 1.6-litre engine and standard kit includes reversing sensors, air con, electric front and rear windows, automatic central locking and alloys. Both versions are available with a £1,000 leather interior option, but this is available free on the ecoLogic hatchback during the launch phase.

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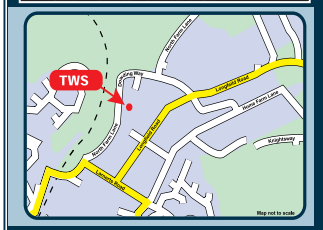

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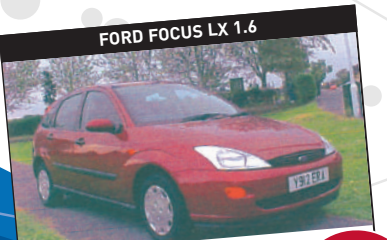

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Roadster Coupe drives MX-5 legend further

Mazda MX-5

ROOF FOR ALL SEASONS: Mazda's latest MX-5 Roadster Coupe is available with a power folding hard-top roof

MAZDA launched the original MX-5 here in 1990, 10 years after the initial sketches and several decades after some of the classic British sports cars that inspired it.

If gestation was protracted though, the life of this famous roadster is set to endure much longer.

Now in its third generation, the successful formula remains: front engine/rear-wheel drive for best balance and handling, sporty short-throw gearshift and Japanese reliability.

However, the latest car has a contemporary twist; having ensured that the MX-5 would have a genuinely weatherproof soft top – unlike its British forbears – Mazda also offers a powered folding hard-top version or 'Roadster Coupe' as tested here.

Much as I love the soft-top model, its secure all-seasons/all-weathers sister is something of a no-brainer option for a not unreasonable two grand premium.

Since the latest MX-5 carries little extra weight compared with the 1990 model, despite modern extras and safety/crash measures, the small baggage penalty is also bearable – the Roadster Coupe carries just 37 kilos more than its soft-top sibling.

Even better, Mazda engineers ensured that the hard top retracts behind the car's seats without penalising boot space either, although you lose out on two small lockers behind the seats.

And this MX-5 drives as well as ever, with great poise on a winding road and good motorway refinement, although the MX-5 was always that rarity – a sports car to make light of long journeys.

Not surprisingly then the Roadster Coupe version has really taken off; Mazda expected a 50:50 sales split, but the 'RC' has now stolen 65 per cent of sales with Dartford-based Mazda UK citing added security and no compromising of boot space as the big draws when buyers need to make the

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choice between hard or soft-top versions.

If it is looks that come first though, I still think the soft top edges it, especially when fitted with the optional removable hard top, although this costs an extra £1,560 and wipes out much of the saving on a soft top against the 'built-in' lid on the Roadster Coupe and you have to manhandle it off and store it safely when not in use.

The take-up on soft-top versions sold with hard tops is small then, perhaps no more than 200 a year says Mazda, though sales to owners of used and older MX-5s continues to be buoyant and perhaps signals the car's affordable prestige amongst sports car enthusiasts.

Prices start at just £15,750 for new soft-top cars, but this cut-price version sits on steel wheels; you simply must upgrade to alloys, which means forking out an extra £800 for an option pack also fitted as standard on the Roadster Coupe (£18,600) entry version tested here.

This has a 125bhp 1.8-litre engine and five-speed 'box rather than the flagship 159bhp 2.0-litre offered with five or six speeds.

While the junior engine's 0-62mph in 9.4 seconds is not exactly neck-snapping and does little to dispel 'hairdresser's sports car' jibes that have burdened the MX-5 throughout, it offers enough power to prove that no other car delivers so much fun to the pound.

And though the current car echoes the classic Mark 1, the interior is a far cry from the original. All the modern comforts are here: good body-hugging seats with good support, robust materials and switchgear, far more space than ever before and useful stowage.

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- Powertrain: 1,798cc/124bhp four-cylinder petrol engine driving rear wheels through a five-speed manual gearbox
- Performance: top speed 122mph and 0-62mph in 9.4 seconds
- How green?: road tax band-E (£170/yr), CO2 emissions/174g per km
- Official fuel figures: combined 38.7mpg
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): n/a
- Fuel tank: 50 litres/11 gallons
- Insurance group: 11
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Go all the way up to 11 with rocker

By **TONY PATEY**
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MEAT LOAF'S line from Wasted Youth – "God damn it daddy! You know I love you, but you got a hell of a lot to learn about rock 'n' roll" – would certainly go down well at gigs run by a Kent business guru who really rocks.

Business consultant Peter Cook – author of Sex, Leadership and Rock 'n' Roll – is just about to start his latest team-building exercise with a gig in a recording studio.

A group of half a dozen amateurs have been picked from Medway's MHS Homes housing association and after the recording session in Rochester on September 19 they'll be playing a corporate jam during their annual conference in a local school, on October 29.

MHS chief executive John Sands has written Credit Crunch Blues for the band, which will also be rocking out Regeneration, based loosely on The Who classic My Generation.

But it's just another brick in the wall for Mr Cook, who runs the Gillingham-based Academy of Rock, and whose book has been praised by business gurus such as Professor Charles Handy and Tom Peters.

He was also in the Financial Times this week. He wrote a letter saying it's not unusual for John McFarlane, prospective chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland, to like Elvis. And he mentioned Peter Gilroy, Kent County Council's chief executive, who's well-known for his Elvis impersonations, and a fan of Mr Cook's work. He started life as a chemist – current clients include Pfizer and GlaxoSmithKline – and he holds an MBA. Other clients include KCC and the Metropolitan Police.

"My story has been one of transformation, from a rocker and research chemist-cum-scientific leader, developing life-saving drugs, via a short stay as a corporate suit to building my own business as a creativity consultant.

"At 18 I was torn by a love of playing in bands and a passion for chemistry. I took a job in pharmaceuticals, where I could study part-time for a chemistry degree and keep my musical ambitions as a hobby.

"After a few years I found my HR co-workers were not that interested in self-improvement, so I left to start my own business.

"I define success as being in tune with who you are. The three things that have shaped my success are: being focused on a compelling desire to achieve goals; persisting no matter what; and not feeling afraid to try things out."

STRAT TALK: Author and business guru Peter Cook is ready to help you rock

Lounge festival moves indoors with Farmhouse venture

KENT legends the James Taylor Quartet, the influential band at the forefront of the acid jazz movement, are in talks to play Lounge on the Farm next year, KOS Media can exclusively reveal.

The news follows this year's coup of having the New York Dolls play their only UK summer set at the Canterbury weekender.

Now the team behind the increasingly heavyweight festival have opened a permanent urban residence – The Farmhouse restaurant, in Dover Street, Canterbury – after another successful summer at Merton Farm. They aim to boost the city's economy and bring artists and DJs from across the country to Canterbury. Local talent will also be encouraged. It's not often a venue is spawned from a festival – it's usually the other way round. At the bar will be local ales and brews from micro-breweries such as Gadds and Hopdaemon, and offerings from Pawley Farm and Biddendens.

Organiser Matt Gough said the first Lounge on the Farm was in 2006 and featured local talent on four stages along with headline acts including The Egg, The View, DJ Andy Smith, Nizlopi and Vincent Vincent and The Villains. He said: "The history, like so many romantic tales, begins with a number scribbled on the back of a fag packet.

"There was a chance meeting between 'Lounge original' Sean Porn and the son of a farmer as they watched a band perform aboard on a flatbed lorry in the middle of Canterbury in the spring of 2004."

The son was Edward Hulme. His family owns Merton Farm. Ideas were exchanged. A telephone number was hastily jotted on a pack of Marlboros, and the festival was born.

Mr Gough said: "Previous to that we were responsible for nights in and around Canterbury since 1999. This year we had just under 4,000 people at Merton Farm.

"We try to source everything from within county lines. At least 75 per cent of the infrastructure of the festival comes from Kent. We put a lot of effort into championing local producers."

Artists already lined up for a trip to The Farmhouse include Pete Molinari, The View, DJ Format, Kevin Rowland and Kent poet, artist, writer and film-maker Billy Childish.

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BOSSES of expectant mothers whose babies are due on or after October 5 will find it is not just mum and baby who are starting out on a new journey.

As a result of a ruling made by the High Court last year, the date also marks changes that employers must make to the contractual benefits entitled by staff on maternity leave.

Simon Morgan, a human resources professional for The HR Dept, based in Dartford and Crayford, said that by 'benefits' the regulations mean perks such as company car, mobile phone and gym membership as well as the accrual of contractual holiday entitlement. Maternity leave is currently divided into two parts; 26 weeks of Ordinary Maternity Leave (OML) and 26 weeks of Additional Maternity Leave (AML)

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Prior to the ruling, an employer was only obliged to provide an employee's contractual benefits for the period covering OML.

But for all women whose babies are due on or after October 5, employers will have to provide contractual benefits for the entire 52 weeks.

The ruling draws a clear line between perks and wages. So, if a car allowance is paid as part of the wages package, for example, a woman on maternity leave will not receive this.

It also stresses that mothers may not take holiday entitlement during maternity leave, so they must do so before it starts or after returning, regardless of whether they have opted to take the full entitlement of 52 weeks or not.

Mr Morgan said: "On-the-ball employers will not wait until October to address these changes, but recognise that company policies may need reviewing and should be discussed with pregnant employees before they start maternity leave."

AN AGENCY called England has won a six-figure pitch to create a safety campaign encouraging people in Medway to take more care using the roads.

England, which has an office in Canterbury, beat five rivals to win the Medway council campaign. It will be launched in mid-October.

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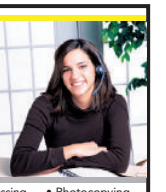

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SHARING the ups and downs of setting up their own business will be the focus of a new free networking group in Thanet for people just starting out.

The Venture Group will be meeting once a month at the Margate Media Centre in King Street, starting on Thursday, September 18, from 10am-noon.

"If you are at any stage of setting up a business, then this group is for you," said organiser Willow Cairn, East Kent Enterprise Gateway Service's new Thanet outreach worker.

"The sessions will provide an excellent opportunity for people to focus on their new business plans."

The service offers the unemployed, people who are working just a few hours a week or in a situation that makes it hard to find suitable work, free training courses covering every aspect of running a business, along with finding a local mentor. Other confirmed dates are October 14 and November 11. For more details, email willow.cairn@businesslinkkent.co.uk, phone 07806 377926 or visitwww.bringyourideastolife.co.uk.

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Still fresh after all these years

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Just completing his two-year tenure as president of the British Frozen Food Federation is **Stephen Waugh**, managing director of Ardo UK. The company, based at Charing, near Ashford, is part of the Belgian Ardo Group, Europe's largest supplier of frozen fruit and vegetables. Its product range includes traditional favourites such as carrots, raspberries and strawberries, along with blueberries, okra, chick peas, and Italian rice and pasta dishes. KOS Media business editor Tony Patey spoke to Mr Waugh.

Q *What are you most proud of achieving in your two years as president of the British Frozen Food Federation?*

A As part of a small team we have met with the Schools Foods Trust, the local authorities' catering association, Ofsted and Government representative

and raised awareness of the quality, nutritional and economic benefits of frozen foods that will ensure more of our children eat school meals.

Q *How did you get where you are today?*

A After a brief period in banking and retail sales, I worked as a field rep with Express Creameries, selling cheese and dairy products in the cash and carry and wholesale sectors. I had a great time for six years.

I then spent 18 months at Smedley's, selling chilled salads and frozen vegetables, then moving to Freshbake, which became the Albert Fisher Group. Over 14 years I worked my way up to sales director and eventually managing director, in overall charge of a workforce of 600, which was pretty scary.

After a career spanning 26 years I found myself redundant, enjoyed a seven-month break, then joined Ardo UK as MD in 2002.

Q *Just how fresh is frozen?*

A We fast-freeze our fruit and vegetables, taking the produce straight from the field to freezer in a matter of hours.

The vitamins and nutrients are retained, the colour and shape of the berry, sweetcorn or pea is just as it was the moment it was picked. Consumers can reach into their freezers and enjoy their five-a-day portions of fruit and vegetables without waste.

Q *What is the industry doing to tackle ethical issues?*

A We recently carried out an audit for our corporate responsibility report and are proud to be able to source fruit and vegetables from emerging economies including Vietnam, Peru, Costa Rica and Mexico.

Our aim by the end of this year, is to have at least 80 per cent of Ardo's suppliers listed on Sedex (Supplier Ethical Data Exchange).

On the home front, we source 36 per cent of products and services from Kent-based companies. Ardo is constantly striving to reduce its carbon footprint.

Q *What qualities do you most admire in a leader?*

A A team player with integrity who consults, confides, honestly shares information and makes people feel at ease and important.

Q *What's the biggest challenge facing Kent?*

A The infrastructure – can it cope with all this expansion and will the jobs be here when the people are?

Q *What do you enjoy doing when you're not working?*

A Aside from spending time with my children Jamie and Charlotte, and my best friend and wife Amanda, I enjoy golf, fishing, holidays in France and socialising at the pub.

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Managers must be prepared as economic conditions close in

With consumer confidence dropping, local companies and public sector organisations must act now or face a potentially gloomy outlook writes Paul Gresham, Senior Partner for KPMG in Gatwick.

There is no doubt that Kent has been in a period of relative calm in comparison with the woes inflicted upon the city of London following last year's credit crunch. However, as current surveys bear, the knock-on effect of the credit crunch is now hitting home, with managers reporting lowering levels of confidence in the forthcoming economic climate.

The elements that are coming together – rising inflation, tightening credit conditions and plummeting consumer confidence – will make life difficult for at least, the next 12 months. Indeed, many good managers will be factoring in a longer term threat to ensure their business does not get caught out.

There is much talk of inflation continuing to rise and this is likely to spark increases in costs which in turn will hit businesses with the double whammy of decreasing profit margins and higher wage demands from employees as they grapple with the rising cost of living. As a result, a business is likely to feel squeezed from both sides and how managers deal with this will be crucial in determining success or failure.

From previous market turmoil, including the recession in the 1990s we have learnt that a 'business as usual' strategy is simply the wrong approach. As a result, organisations need to focus on key areas for their survival and do so quickly to ensure they are as well positioned as they can be when pressures really begin to bear down.

Businesses need to take steps to reduce costs and improve cash flow. By interrogating their forecasts, talking to customers and questioning their spending and use of working capital, managers can identify key risks and opportunities within their business.

Whether releasing cash from a business or ensuring that appropriate controls are in place to stop any losses as a result of fraudulent behaviour, local organisations need to take stock now.

Whether operating in the public or private sector, it is easy to fire-fight and not maintain a push for future growth. However, it is vitally important to remain focused on the overall strategy and not lose sight of the fact that changing economic conditions can provide opportunities.

The new and emerging markets remain the global powerhouses and for the time being are still performing well against difficult global conditions. As a result, for those businesses who have not yet considered carefully whether they have a market within these areas, a major threat could loom from competitors.

Furthermore, as their economy continues to hold up, inward investment opportunities remain. In recent months there have been a number of announcements about joint ventures between local firms and those in emerging markets. With funding for such activities not affected as much as in the developed nations, it is unlikely that we will see any let up in this as we move through the next 12 months.

Opportunities also exist for those organisations that want to acquire businesses and are able to secure funding from other sources. With the power shifting from the seller to the acquirers, there are many opportunities for prices to be driven down and strategic acquisitions made.

Whichever area is causing the most concern, the work must start here. For those organisations that choose to ride out the storm and hope for the best, a tricky future is likely to lie ahead, even after conditions begin to improve. Conversely, for those businesses who tackle the issues head on, they stand a greater chance of emerging from this part of the economic cycle in a stronger, more competitive position.

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Susan strengthens private client team

IN A consolidation move, Sussex law firm Adams and Remers has strengthened its private client team by a merger with the sole practitioner and specialist private client practice of Susan J Midha, based in Tunbridge Wells.

Susan Midha has now joined the firm as a partner, taking with her experienced solicitor Lisa Gibbins. Adams and Remers' private client team now includes three partners and nine lawyers and professionals. Ms Midha, who practised at the Bar and was formerly head of the private client team at City law firm Manches, has a wealth of experience in wills, probate, trusts, tax and inheritance tax planning and a national client base.

Christopher Walker, partner and head of the private client practice at Adams and Remers, said: "We are delighted Susan chose to join us in preference to other firms who were keen to get her. This is further progress towards our aim to be the South East's leading private client firm."

Ms Midha is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) and formerly chairman of its Kent branch, a member of the Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists (ACTAPS), and a member of Solicitors for the Elderly.

She is also a member of the STEP working party on trustee risk and an accredited mediator.

Growth flattened in 'perfect storm'

By **TONY PATEY**
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MORE than half the South East's small-business owners are expecting either flat or negative growth during the current year, according to new research from Bank of Scotland Business Banking.

The fifth quarterly fall in a row in its key business confidence index means confidence levels have fallen by more than a third since May last year.

More than four out of every five of the region's small-business owners now expect general economic conditions to worsen over the next 12 months – more than double the number expressing a pessimistic outlook this time last year.

Not surprisingly, two-thirds of them think that it will become more difficult to run their business over the coming year.

However, a quarter believe now is a good time to be running a small business in Britain, compared with half who think it's a bad time. The knock-on effect for recruitment intentions is also clear. Just one in five plans to increase staff numbers over the next 12 months, compared with 30 per cent in May last year.

Interestingly, despite a sharp fall in confidence, building and construction firms are still relatively busy, with more than a quarter still operating at or near full capacity.

Only one in 11 businesses in the leisure, tourism and hospitality sectors say they are operating at or close to capacity, with one in nine expressing an urgent need for more orders.

Meanwhile, more than half of Britain's businesses plan to make job cuts, but while more than half believe the bleak outlook will continue for one to two years, only one in 10 believe a full-blown recession is on the cards, according to KPMG's quarterly National Business Confidence Survey,

Paul Gresham, senior partner for KPMG in Kent, said: "The clouds that were on the horizon when we conducted this survey in early spring are now right overhead, with businesses now feeling the impact of this so-called 'perfect storm' of rising inflation, tightening credit conditions and plummeting consumer confidence. With six out of 10 businesses aiming to cut costs, staff redundancies may seem like the obvious, albeit painful, solution.

"The widespread redundancy programmes we have already seen in the financial services and housebuilding sectors may therefore just be a small sign of things to come."

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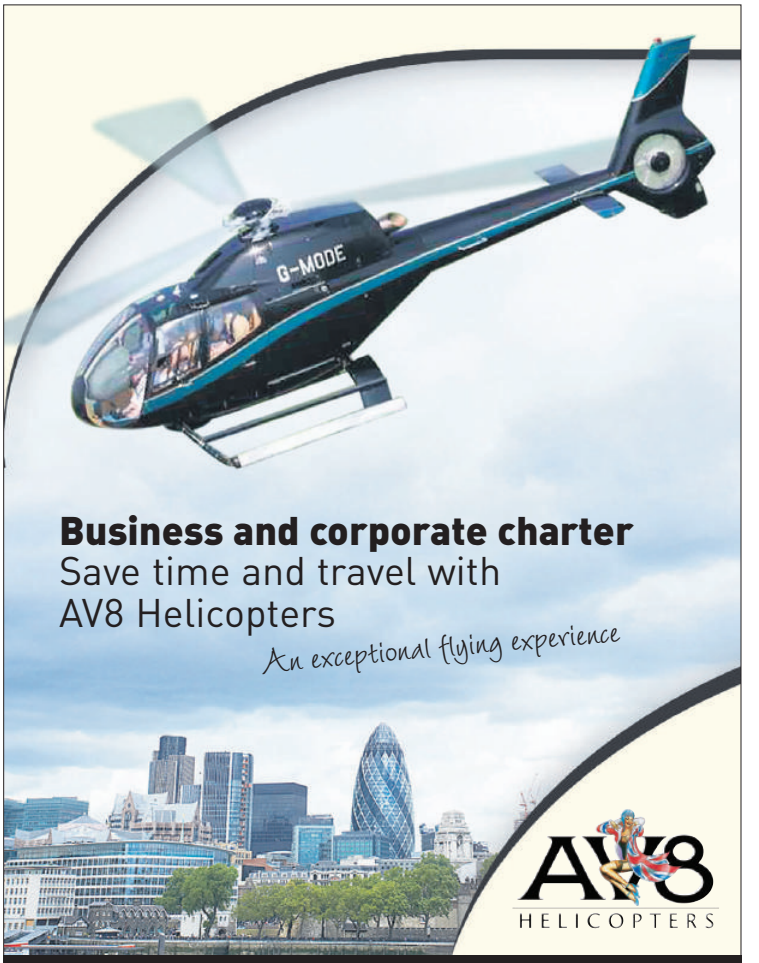

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The move to 100 per cent recycled rPET bottles – including the Co-op's own-label 330ml sportcap juice drinks – will reduce CO_2 emissions by 1,212 tonnes and save 808 tonnes of new plastic from being made per annum.

David Hanlon, operations director at Silver Spring, said: "We have strong relations with suppliers of rPET and are easily able to meet the high demand from our customers."

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MANAGING OUR COUNTRYSIDE - more important than ever

Pat Crawford reports.

If you are confused by the title 'countryside manager' and cannot imagine what the job involves, then you are probably among the majority. It's another of those career areas about which there is almost total confusion! In essence, countryside managers are responsible for ensuring that we retain the important ecological balances that are increasingly under threat from practices associated with our modern way of life.

Biodiversity is being lost at an alarming rate. It seems that, every time we open a newspaper or turn on the TV, we are bombarded with reports of yet another British species which is already classified as 'endangered' or the numbers of which are reducing at a terrifying rate. The list is long and includes favourites such as the water vole ('Ratty' in Kenneth Graham's Wind in the Willows) and several species of butterfly and fish. Once common birds such as the song thrush and the skylark, various beetles, several species of hoverfly and a wide range of fungi, ferns, lichens and mosses – just a few examples from a list that is growing at a truly alarming rate.

The main reason for this decline is related to human activity associated with urbanisation, agriculture and deforestation. Climate change – 'global warming' - is another contributory factor (and it will not escape readers' notice that most scientists believe this is one more problem that is largely manmade). Over-exploitation is another cause - and the introduction of foreign species which out-perform our native species is a further source of trouble. (As an example, the beautiful and sweet smelling British bluebell is under threat from the strong but inferior Spanish bluebell.) The introduction of foreign species can also be a way of spreading diseases hitherto unknown in this country.

The task faced by the countryside manager becomes more complex all the time. He must find a way of maintaining the delicate balance between protecting habitats whilst allowing the public to access and enjoy them. He is required to find holistic solutions that take into account the needs of agriculture, tourism, sustainability and the many other uses to which land is put.

Concern is growing around the planet and more and more people are aware of the fragile state of the environment. The work the countryside manager undertakes is crucial if we are to reverse the frightening rate at which species are declining. This is an exciting, demanding – and potentially fulfilling – time to be considering this interesting and important career area.

Hadlow College offers a wide range of courses at Further and Higher Education levels, including Foundation and BSc (honours) degrees, for those considering countryside management as a career as well as a number of Further Education options. In addition, the college provides a number of short professional/recreational courses covering countryside skills such as hurdle-making, hedge laying, hedgerow establishment, et cetera. Telephone: 0500 551434 to discuss the various options.

There's much to digest as Archers hit the zeitgeist

By TONY PATEY
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LISTENERS to The Archers won't need telling about anaerobic digesters.

The tycoon farmers of Ambridge are discussing a proposal for a digester at Home Farm on the Radio 4 soap, but will Kent farmers be just as keen?

The fictional village's inhabitants are at loggerheads about the merits of the farm-scale proposal, but environment minister Joan Ruddock is convinced it is the way forward after seeing a £30 million large-scale trial site in Shropshire.

She is quoted as saying: "Anaerobic digestion is extremely attractive. Why would we go on throwing food waste into holes in the ground when we could generate our own electricity and end up with a product that can be returned to the soil?

Consultation

"It seems to me that a plant on this scale would fit into any industrial estate anywhere in the country.

"While the decision has to be taken locally – and in consultation with residents – I am sure this is the way forward."

Most food waste in the UK goes to landfill, where it decomposes and is a contributor to greenhouse gas emissions.

But the country is running out of suitable sites and, with punitive landfill taxes introduced to encourage the search for alternatives, digesters are seen as a viable solution.

The technology has been available for years – more than 4,000 have been built in Germany alone – only five commercial-scale and about a dozen farm-scale units have so far been built in the UK.

However, the Government is offering £10m in grants to encourage the construction of further demonstrator plants and there are plans for at least 60.

Anaerobic digestion is when organic material is broken down by micro-organisms in the absence of oxygen – the same process used in septic tanks and what goes on in cows' stomachs.

Farmers are becoming keen because it treats waste products – mainly manure and slurry – in a more efficient way and also produces valuable by-products.

Organic matter degrades and gives off biogas, a mixture mainly of methane and carbon dioxide. This can be burned to generate heat and electricity, which can be fed to the national grid or used locally.

The liquid residue can be used as a fertiliser and the solid residue can go as a soil conditioner.

Apparently, the storyline of the Home Farm digester is that it might produce enough electricity for 13 homes, although this will mainly be supplied to the grid.

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There are still deals waiting to be done

COMMERCIAL developers are still in the market for sites, says a leading Kent property company.

RPC Land and New Homes believes the right site will still attract a lot of interest from residential developers, but commercial and mixed-use investors are also still active.

Managing director Peter Randall said: "We are seeing commercial values get a lot closer to residential prices and that is resulting in some developers being a lot more creative with sites.

"We are seeing more purely commercial or mixed-use investors/purchasers coming forward and there is a greater demand for family housing rather than flats or apartments."

Housing developers are among those hit hardest by the credit squeeze, while the mortgage market has dried up, making it harder to sell properties already built. While this has made life tougher, many still have an eye on the future and are seeking new sites.

Mr Randall said: "We are experiencing a softening in the land and new homes market, like the rest of the country.

"But for the right site in the right place we are still seeing a lot of competition.

"We recently marketed a site in west Kent which attracted 13 bids, and another in mid-Kent that attracted five bids."

With good plots still being competitively bid for, getting professional advice on marketing and selling to a developer was crucial, he said. "It is important to know whether your site has the potential to attract interest and to see if there are alternative uses. Using a professional agent can make sure the right sort of development is devised for a plot, which ultimately should attract the maximum price.

"There are purchasers looking for opportunities and with the time it takes for sites to be sold and then achieve planning, developers are looking at plots now that they can get to work on in 18 months to two years, when the economic situation may have changed greatly."

• RPC Land and New Homes has specialist centres covering west Kent, mid-Kent, east Kent and the Thames Gateway.

MD: Peter Randall

Movers & Shakers

ALAN White, pictured below, formerly of Phillips, Bonhams, and Hobbs Parker, has joined Ibbett Mosely chartered surveyors and fine art auctioneers, with offices in west Kent, Surrey and south-east London.

With more than 25 years' experience as a fine art auctioneer and valuer, Mr White will be covering Kent and Sussex and other parts of the South East, as well as carrying out valuations for probate, and insurance purposes and advising clients on the sale of goods in the company's monthly auctions at Otford.

Valuation days, and charity auctions will also be part of his role, as will giving talks to organisations.

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New deals for Brands

MOTORSPORT: Brands Hatch will continue to host the DTM (pictured) and A1 Grand Prix after agreeing new deals with the high-profile championships this week.

The Kent circuit has hosted both series for the last three years. It will host the UK round of the DTM series for a further three years, while it will again host the A1 finale next May.

Thousands of fans flocked to the Kent circuit for both events this season and witnessed Audi's Timo Scheider take victory in DTM and Team GBR win on home soil in the A1 Grand Prix.

Circuit owner Jonathan Palmer said: "DTM has been the biggest car racing event on our calendar. I am thrilled that A1 Grand Prix will be back for a fourth time."

Lisa in fourth again

ATHLETICS: Lisa Dobriskey finished fourth in her first international meeting after missing out on a medal at the Beijing Olympics.

The Ashford athlete travelled to Rieti in Italy last week to compete in the mile event at the IAAF Grand Prix.

The 24-year-old, who was fresh from her win in the 1500 metres at the Gateshead Grand Prix a week earlier, was edged out of a place in the top three in the sprint finish.

Dobriskey finished behind Ethiopia's Gelete Burja, world champion Maryam Jamal and America's Shannon Rowberry.

Lydden made to wait

MOTORSPORT: Lydden Hill Race Circuit will have to wait another 10 days before they discover if their bid to host the 2009 European Rallycross Championship has been successful.

The one-mile track, between Dover and Canterbury, is up against a bid from Russia to host the event, which is the biggest in rallycross.

A decision by the World Motorsport Council in Paris was originally expected by this weekend, but it has been delayed.

Lydden Hill last hosted the event in 1996.

Twenty20 finals day

CRICKET: Fans can watch the best club sides in the South East for free today as the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury hosts the Shepherd Neame Twenty20 Club Championship finals.

More than 200 clubs from across the region entered, with four teams battling for a share of the £25,000 prize.

The action gets under way with the first semi-final at 10am when Kent champions Bromley, with ex-Kent man Matt Walker (pictured), take on their counterparts from Middlesex, Stanmore.

The second semi pits the winners from Essex and Surrey against each other, with Colchester & East Sussex taking on Ashford.

The final begins at 4pm, with the winners receiving £6,500 and a place in the national final in Cardiff on Sunday, September 28.

Oar-inspiring bronze

Paralympians battle back to claim medal in Beijing

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

ALASTAIR McKean and James Morgan were the pick of Kent's athletes in the Beijing Paralympics as the rowing duo helped Great Britain's mixed coxed fours win bronze.

The pair, from Canterbury and Deal respectively, missed out on automatic qualification for the final after finishing second in their heats at the Shunyi Rowing Lake on Tuesday.

They kept their medal hopes alive by winning the repechage 24 hours later and came home behind the United States and champions Italy on Thursday in the first ever Paralympic rowing regatta.

Jeff Hutton, who knows Morgan and is former president of the Herne Bay Amateur Rowing Club, which McKean is a member of, said: "It's a great achievement. Any medal at the Olympics or Paralympics is something which should be treasured.

"They have worked so hard and there has been a lot of competition for places in the boat, but they persevered and got their reward."

In the Water Cube, Dervis Konuralp's attempts to win a first Paralympic gold got off to a bad start as he was eliminated in the heats of his strongest event, the 100m butterfly.

The 27-year-old, from Dartford, who is competing at his fourth Paralympics, finished seventh in the 200m individual medley on Friday before completing his competition with the 100m breaststroke yesterday.

Elsewhere, Herne Bay's Nathan Milgate produced good performances in the 10m air rifle standing and prone events. The 21-year-old made the final of both, finishing seventh in the standing and 12th in the prone.

Another hot prospect who gained valuable experience for London 2012 was 20-year-old Will Bayley. The table tennis ace, who grew up in Tunbridge Wells, was eliminated in the group stage after losing his first two matches, but came back strongly to beat Israel's Shmuel Shur in his last match.

Bexleyheath's Steve Palmer is in action today as the Great Britain wheelchair rugby team play Australia in their final group match attempting to reach the semi-finals.

Ben Quilter, who trains at the Dartford Dojo Centre, lost his bronze medal match in the men's under-60kg judo.

Picture: GETTY IMAGES

SUCCESS: (from left) Vicki Hansford, Naomi Riches, Alastair McKean, James Morgan and Alan Sherman on the podium after winning bronze at the Beijing Paralympics

Shakey almost there

A SECOND British Superbike title could be Shane Byrne's this afternoon if he concedes no more than nine points to rival Tom Sykes in round 10 of the championship at Croft.

The Sheppey rider has led the series ever since the first round in April at Thruxton and has a 110-point lead over Suzuki rider Sykes going into today's event. Byrne has dominated the championship this season picking up eight wins and only one retirement.

However, it was seven races ago at Mallory Park when Byrne last tasted victory. Since picking up two third-placed finishes at the last round at Cadwell Park, the 32-year-old has been training vigorously to be in the best shape possible for this afternoon's battle.

Byrne said: "Cadwell Park was a bit of a rude awakening. I know I came away with two third places but I had to work really hard. Since returning home I've been cycling my legs off so I can be as fast as possible at Croft."

The pressure of picking up his second British Superbike title, since his triumph in 2003, is not worrying Byrne and he is hoping he can tie up the series with two rounds remaining.

He said: "I am looking forward to this weekend. Obviously winning the championship at Croft is a possibility, and that would be fantastic. However, I and the rest of the team will be focused on the job in hand – which is to get as good a result as possible.

"Croft has not been particularly kind to me in the past but hopefully my luck might change there this year. I know I can't afford to drop more than 10 points to Sykes, so first up we are going to have to work hard to get to the front and then think about wrapping up the championship after that."

Byrne's future for the 2009 season is still in doubt, but he has emerged as a contender to replace the retiring Troy Bayliss at Ducati's World Superbike team.

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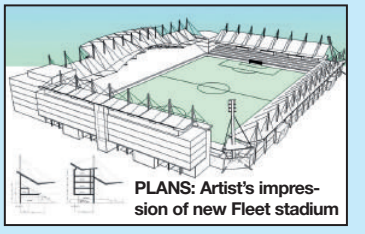
CHAMPIONSHIP BOUND: Shane Byrne



PLANS: Artist's impression of new Fleet stadium

Three sites in hat to be Fleet's new home

THREE more sites have become available for Ebbsfleet United's proposed new stadium after discussions with Gravesham Council and Kent County Council.

The Blue Square Premier League club have been based at Stonebridge Road for more than 60 years, but announced their intentions to build a new stadium in June by confirming a site within a three-mile radius of their ground.

It appears the club have been handed three more sites to consider in the Gravesham area.

However, they have not completely ruled out the original identified site and plans for the new ground have not changed according to club chairman John Moules.

He said: "We hope the new stadium will still be partly funded by a residential development as before. After discussions with the council it appears that there are more sites that may be available to us."

The club is doing feasibility work on the three sites. The next meeting discussing the new stadium will be in October.

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'We are privileged to play this game'

Kent star says despite the rigours of a busy season, he doesn't want it to end

Inside view

With JOE DENLY

THERE has been a lot of talk about the domestic schedule and how much cricket we have been playing this season, but I for one don't want the season to end.

It is true that we have played a lot of cricket this season, being involved in all four domestic competitions – the County Championship, Pro40, Twenty20 and the Friends Provident Trophy – and we have talked about using the breaks to get away from the game when they do come along.

I do not think we can use having to play so much cricket as an excuse because it is a job we are all privileged to do and a game that we all love. We also have the whole winter off, so I don't think it is acceptable to complain about having to play a lot of games. For me, the more cricket the better.

While I know it's not the same for all the players, I personally got over the disappointment of the Friends Provident Trophy defeat at Lord's as quickly as possible. I spoke to other players who had lost in finals and they said it is best to not dwell on it and that is the approach I have taken.

Our captain, Rob Key, was great after that defeat as he sat us all down and told us that we needed to end the season on a high and show people how good we are.

That really helped pick us up and just two days after the final, we ended up bowling Derbyshire out for 60 in the Pro40 and we have tried to carry on in that vein since then.

Picture: ADY KERRY

BIG HIT: Joe Denly is closing in on 1,000 runs for the season

That defeat has made us more determined to win every game we play, and for me, the focus switches to the County Championship. There is always talk about the excitement of the limited overs games and Twenty20 cricket, but for me, without a doubt, the championship is still the one to win.

Not a lot of players can say they have won the championship and that has long been one of my goals. It is something I would certainly like to achieve in my career.

If that was to happen this season it would cap off an extraordinary effort by the team. We will be giving everything to try and pull it off.

The Twenty20 is a great day out, but for cricketers the championship is something you work towards for the whole season.

It is the ultimate goal for a team and shows that you have some decent players in the squad to be able to mount a challenge throughout the course of the season.

Four-day cricket is the ultimate test and I can tell you that the championship is competitive. For batters it is a real test of technique and I have come up against some excellent bowlers again this season and I have really enjoyed it. Coming up against good bowling attacks gives you a chance to measure how well you are playing.

I have been in pretty good form of late, hitting three half centuries before Saturday's Pro40 finale with Essex, which I put down to the frustration I had at the start to the season. I didn't get off to the best of starts and I feel I have been trying to make up for that. I have just tried to keep things simple when I bat and I hope my good form continues.

Last year I got 1,000 runs and am looking to get up to around that mark again this year. I am not really one for setting myself goals, but I think to score 1,000 runs means I have had a pretty good season.

There were some whispers going around about second season syndrome and I have gone out to try and prove those doubters wrong.

As I approach almost 1,000 runs for the season I hope I have been able to show people that I can play.

This season has certainly given me more confidence about my own game and performing on a regular basis has helped me. I hope that is something I could perhaps take on for England in the future.

It would be good to go on one of the England winter tours. I know the England Lions are going to India and New Zealand this winter so I aim to go on one of those, play some good cricket and try and come back a better player ready to fight on all fronts again next year with Kent.

• ***Kent and England Lions batsman, Joe Denly is one of Kent on Sunday's regular columnists.***

Picture: KEITH SLATER

MOVE: Nicky Southall has joined Dover on loan for a month to get match fit

Southall loaned to Dover, but there's no rift, says Stimson

GILLINGHAM manager Mark Stimson has rubbished speculation that he and Nicky Southall have fallen out after the veteran joined Dover Athletic on loan this week.

The 36-year-old fans' favourite has not completed 90 minutes for the first team this season and was reportedly unhappy when he was made available for loan last month.

This week Southall agreed to drop three divisions for a month, but Stimson insists there is no problem.

He said: "It's far from the truth, there's always rumours and speculation. Nicky has agreed to go out on loan, which is great. A couple of weeks ago he didn't think that was the right option, but now he has thought about it. If he can come back and perform like he did at the end of last season, he will get in our team."

Charlie Howard will also spend a month in non-league football after moving to Dulwich Hamlet, while Sean Clohessy had a trial at Conference side Salisbury City.

The temporary departures open up some room in the wage budget to bring in loan players, with a striker top of Stimson's wish-list.

He said: "Spectators come into the ground to see goals and I'm no different, so if I can bring another striker in it would maybe put a little bit of pressure on our strikers to keep them on their toes."

Former Leicester City hitman Trevor Benjamin is one of several players on trial and the free agent scored for Gills' reserves in midweek to push his claim for a deal.

The £300,000 battle to make Kent United a reality

BILLIONAIRE investors, multi-million pound players and clubs charging the earth to watch their games are making the gap between footballers and the average man on the street ever larger, ***writes Glenn Pearson.***

Supporters' trusts across the country, particularly in the Premiership, are losing the battle to keep their clubs and as a result it is hoped more football fans will go back to following their local team.

A new website has now been launched which will offer non-league football fans an opportunity to invest in a Kent club.

The launch of the site, www.getkentunited.co.uk, will run along the lines of the MyFootballClub.co.uk model which took over Kent side Ebbsfleet at the beginning of the year.

Target

The website aims to reach a target membership of 10,000 who will each invest £30.

The creators of the site, led by 24-year-old Nick Thompson from Folkestone, hope to reach their target within 18 months and will then be in a position to allow their members to choose which Kent club they would like to approach to take over.

No Kent non-league clubs have been approached as yet, but the getkentunited.co.uk concept has promised to pledge £24 of every £30 membership fee to invest in the club annually, which could see a Kent club receive yearly cash boosts of more than £200,000.

Thompson said: "We were obviously inspired by the MyFC concept, but the main reason we decided to start this was because of the Supporters Trust movement.

"We want there to be community ownership of clubs, as fans are being priced out of the terraces and a gap has emerged."

According to Thompson, membership of the website will allow fans to have a voice in the decision making process and day-to-day running of the club.

They will not, however, have the "pick the team" function which was adopted by MyFC.co.uk.

• ***What do you think of this concept? Would you like your team to be taken over by 10,000 fans? Let us know how you feel about this by sending an email to glenn.pearson@kosmedia.co.uk or write to KOS Media sportsdesk, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford TN25 6SR.***

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THANKS A LOTTY

England women's cricket skipper caps remarkable year with top sports gong

By **GLENN PEARSON**

BEING crowned International Women's Cricketer of the Year has topped off a sensational year for Kent and England captain Charlotte Edwards.

The 28-year-old was presented the prestigious award by Indian legend Ravi Shastri at the International Cricket Council's annual ceremony in Dubai on Wednesday.

She became the first England player to win the coveted prize after pipping fellow teammate Claire Taylor to the award, together with New Zealander Nicola Browne and Australia captain Lisa Sthalekar.

Edwards has led her side to 15 straight wins in international cricket this year which includes five series wins against India, South Africa, New Zealand, West Indies and Australia.

During the voting period, Edwards scored 492 runs in 18 One-Day Internationals and took 15 wickets. Also during this time she scored 94 and 14 not out in a Test match against Australia to help England retain the Ashes.

In an exclusive interview with Kent on Sunday, Edwards said she felt the award was recognition for her side's achievement over the course of the year, rather than her own efforts.

She said: "It is obviously a great honour, but I see it as a team award that has topped off an excellent year for us.

"It has not really sunk in yet, but I am sure it will in the next few days.

"When you grow up you want to be the best you possibly can. I am just happy to be contributing to the team, playing well and helping the side win, so I think this award has made it more special."

It has been a remarkable year for the Kent and England skipper who has finally received the recognition she and her team deserve. The right-handed batter believes the award is much more than a commendation for her year's performances.

"The award is good recognition for the women's game and should give everyone a huge boost.

"I think I keep playing it down, but when I think about it, it should be one of the highlights of my career. For me the team comes first because they mean the world to me.

"Lifting the World Cup in Australia next year will definitely surpass it though."

Edwards left the country on Tuesday night after England's final game with India in the one-day series was abandoned due to rain. She then took the seven-hour flight to Dubai and only managed to get to the ceremony five minutes before her award was being read out.

She said: "I was really shocked because it was not one of those award ceremonies where you know who has won beforehand. I knew I had a good chance to win the award, but I was surprised and of course pleased. It was also nice getting the texts and e-mails from friends congratulating me.

"It was unbelievable mixing with top stars such as Ricky Ponting and Jacques Kallis and was an honour to be in that room with them."

While both Michael Vaughan and Paul Collingwood have recently resigned from their posts as captain of the England men's sides due to issues with their own batting form, Edwards appears to revel under the pressure of captaincy.

Her performances with both bat and ball have been sufficiently high to maintain a place in the side by right which has eased the pressure, allowing Edwards to concentrate on leading the team.

She said: "I have a really good management team around me and they help take pressure off me, but it is when I am under pressure that I seem to play well.

"It may also be that I am a bit older and wiser, but having such a fantastic team around me means that I am able to go out and play my own game and trust the team to do their jobs if I don't get any runs."

It is a big year for Edwards and her side as they attempt to win both the World Cup in Australia and the inaugural World Twenty20 in England next summer.

After winning 15 games on the trot, Edwards believes her side are going into the competitions in fine form.

She said: "We are now setting goals to keep that unbeaten run going. None of us want to lose a game to mess up the unbeaten run we have been on.

"When I saw some of the Australians at the awards ceremony they joked that we would be undercooked when they come to play us as we are having some time off during the winter, but that certainly won't be the case."

Edwards plans to take a month off before getting in some practice ahead of England's two-week practice tour of India in November.

Picture: ADY KERRY. Awards picture: GETTY IMAGES

LEADING LADY: Charlotte Edwards has led England to 15 straight wins and five series victories and (below) picked up the Women's Cricketer of the Year award in Dubai

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